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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
2 ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 BEGINS ON PAGE 117.]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS
7 MORNING'S MEETING. OUR INVOCATION THIS MORNING IS GOING TO BE
8 LED BY PASTOR DAVID R. WHITE. HE IS FROM NORTHPARK COMMUNITY
9 CHURCH IN SANTA CLARITA. OUR PLEDGE THIS MORNING IS GOING TO
10 BE LED BY PAUL MURPHY GUGGIANA, FORMER SPECIALIST FOURTH
11 CLASS, THE U.S. ARMY, WHO RESIDES IN DOWNEY. WOULD YOU ALL
12 PLEASE STAND? PASTOR?

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14 **PASTOR DAVID R. WHITE:** GOOD MORNING, LET'S PRAY. HEAVENLY
15 FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR THIS MORNING AND THE PRAYERS OF
16 HABAKKUK, WE SAY, "WHAT A GOOD GOD YOU ARE AND WHAT GREAT
17 THINGS YOU HAVE DONE." DO THEM NOW IN OUR TIME, AS WELL. AS
18 THE STATESMAN DANIEL SAID, WE KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT GOOD OR
19 RIGHTEOUS OR DESERVING BUT YOU'RE A GOOD GOD AND YOU GIVE US
20 MERCIES BEYOND WHAT WE DESERVE AND WE THANK YOU FOR THAT. WE
21 WANT YOUR WILL TO BE DONE, NOT OURS ON EARTH AS IT IS IN
22 HEAVEN. AND AS THE APOSTLE PAUL SAID, "FLOOD US WITH YOUR
23 LIGHT AND YOUR LOVE." HELP US TO GRASP HOW WIDE AND HIGH AND
24 LONG AND DEEP IS YOUR LOVE FOR US AND THAT WE'D BE A COMMUNITY
25 AND A REGION AND A COUNTY THAT WOULD BE KNOWN FOR YOUR LOVE.



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1 WE THANK YOU FOR THIS MORNING AND THESE SERVANTS HERE. IT'S IN
2 YOUR NAME WE PRAY AND EVERYONE SAID, "AMEN."

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4 **PAUL MURPHY GUGGIANA:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF
5 ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. FACE THE FLAG. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
6 RECITED.]

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** COME UP AND JOIN ME, PASTOR. IT'S MY HONOR
9 ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH, WHO IS STILL
10 TRAVELING, BUT I'M PLEASED TO WELCOME SENIOR PASTOR DAVID
11 WHITE FROM NORTHPARK COMMUNITY CHURCH IN VALENCIA, WHERE HE
12 HAS SERVED SINCE 1993. AFTER GRADUATING WITH HONORS FROM
13 U.C.L.A., HE OBTAINED HIS MASTER'S DIVINITY DEGREE FROM TALBOT
14 SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND ALSO COMPLETED HIS PH.D. IN EDUCATION.
15 PASTOR WHITE IS A TRUE RENAISSANCE MAN. OVER THE YEARS, HE HAS
16 SERVED AS MISSIONARY, CAMPUS DIRECTOR, A CHAPLAIN, A
17 UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTOR AND EVEN FINDS TIME TO SERVE AS THE
18 N.C.A.A. BASKETBALL REFEREE, IS THAT CORRECT? VERY IMPRESSIVE,
19 WOW. BUT, ANYWAY, WE WANT TO THANK THE PASTOR FOR JOINING US
20 TODAY AND LEADING US IN OUR INVOCATION AND WE THANK YOU VERY
21 MUCH FOR ALL THE LEADERSHIP YOU PROVIDE. THANK YOU, SIR.

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23 **PASTOR DAVID R. WHITE:** THANK YOU. APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MY QUESTION IS HOW THE PASTOR HANDLES THE BAD BOOS
2 WHEN HE MAKES A CALL. MADAME CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
3 IT'S MY HONOR TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO PAUL
4 GUGGIANA WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1970 TO
5 1972, SPECIALIST FOURTH CLASS WITH THE EIGHTH BATTALION. HE
6 RECEIVED THE ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE
7 SERVICE MEDAL. HE IS MARRIED WITH FOUR CHILDREN, AND HAS LIVED
8 IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR 61 YEARS. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD
9 AND THE RESIDENTS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY, WE WANT TO THANK YOU
10 FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE BUT MORE
11 IMPORTANTLY FOR YOUR SERVICE TO AMERICA. SO, THANK YOU ALL.

12 [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO
15 PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
18 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 2, PRESENTATIONS
19 AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-1, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
20 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
21 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2010.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** WHICH ONE IS THAT?

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25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** S-1.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THAT CONTINUANCE.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND 2-D. ON ITEM
6 2-D, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
7 THIS ITEM, ITEM 1-D IS BEFORE YOU.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THAT ITEM, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
10 THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,
11 SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK
14 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ON ITEM 1-P, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
15 WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO
16 OCTOBER 5TH, 2010.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 5, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1
21 THROUGH 7. ON ITEM NO. 2, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
22 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM?

23



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THOSE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED BY
2 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF
3 THERE IS NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 7, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 8
6 THROUGH 37. ON ITEM NO. 8, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
7 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 12, THERE'S A
8 REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
9 NO. 14, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
10 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 15, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF
11 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 16, THERE'S A
12 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
13 NO. 17, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
14 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 18, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH
15 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO OCTOBER 5TH,
16 2010. ON ITEM NO. 25, IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
17 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM 26, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
18 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM 27, THERE'S A REQUEST
19 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. MADAME CHAIR,
20 I'M SORRY. ON ITEM NO. I THINK I HAD INDICATED ITEM NO. 19
21 JUST FOR CLARIFICATION. I BELIEVE I SAID ITEM 19, BUT ON ITEM
22 NO. 19, THAT'S THE ITEM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REQUESTS
23 TO BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOING BACK, ITEM NO. 27, THERE'S A REQUEST
3 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** 27?

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES. ON ITEM NO. 29, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
8 WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS RECOMMENDATION NO. 1 BE REVISED TO
9 ALSO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO HAVE
10 ADDITIONAL TIME TO DISCONTINUE THE PURCHASE AND USE OF
11 EXPANDED POLYESTRIN FOOD CONTAINERS AND ALSO SUPERVISOR KNABE
12 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
13 ITEM NO. 30, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS
14 ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO OCTOBER 5TH, 2010. ON ITEM NO.
15 31, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF
16 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO
17 WEEKS TO OCTOBER 5TH, 2010. ON ITEM NO.-- THAT WAS ITEM NO.
18 31. AND ACTUALLY, THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT
19 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY
22 SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF
23 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THOSE ITEMS.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 21, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ON
2 ITEM NO. 38, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS
3 ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO OCTOBER 5TH, 2010.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THAT CONTINUANCE.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 39 THROUGH 41. ON
8 ITEM NO. 39, WE WILL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION. ON ITEM NO. 40, AS
9 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
10 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO OCTOBER 5TH,
11 2010. ON ITEM NO. 41, WHICH WAS THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, THE
12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
13 ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2010. ON PAGE 22, MISCELLANEOUS,
14 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS
15 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
16 AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 42-A, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF
17 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM NO. 42-B, THERE'S A
18 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND
19 THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
20 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. I THINK ON
23 PRESENTATIONS, AT LEAST SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS PRESENTATIONS
24 THIS MORNING. SO IF YOU'D PRESENT THOSE?

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** EVERYBODY HERE? I WILL START WITH THE L.A. COUNTY
2 FAIR DAY. IS FRED HERE? HERE? EVERYBODY HERE? I'M GOING TO ASK
3 FRED RUBIN TO JOIN US, COME ON UP WITH FAMILY, AND ASK GAIL
4 FARBER OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO JOIN US. I'M GOING TO
5 ASK HIS WIFE ROSANNA TO JOIN US. MR. FRED RUBIN IS GOING TO BE
6 RETIRING ON SEPTEMBER 30TH AS ONE OF OUR ASSISTANT DIRECTORS
7 OF PUBLIC WORKS. FRED HAS HAD A VERY DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH
8 OUR COUNTY. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
9 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AS A CIVIL ENGINEERING ASSISTANT AND
10 ADVANCED THROUGH THE RANKS TO HIS PRESENT POSITION OF
11 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. FRED'S CAREER, YOU DON'T EVEN LOOK 44-- 44
12 YEARS WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND WE APPRECIATE THAT. DURING
13 HIS CAREER, HE EARNED A DISTINCTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DEPUTY
14 REPRESENTING PUBLIC WORKS ON SEVERAL COMMITTEES THAT WORKED
15 COLLABORATIVELY WITH ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH
16 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES ADDRESSING SUCH IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT
17 WE CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH TODAY SUCH AS THE GREENING, GREEN
18 BUILDING, RECYCLING, RENEWABLE ENERGY, AND WATER CONSERVATION.
19 HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING THE GRAFFITI ABATEMENT
20 REFERRAL SYSTEM THAT USES A G.I.S. TECHNOLOGY AND ENABLES THE
21 PUBLIC AND DEPARTMENT STAFF TO REPORT GRAFFITI ONLINE,
22 OBVIOUSLY ENABLING OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO LOCATE
23 AND CLEAN UP GRAFFITI IN A VERY TIMELY MANNER. HE HAS ALSO
24 STRATEGICALLY PLANNED AND TRASH HAULING FRANCHISING HERE IN
25 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, NOT AN EASY JOB, I MIGHT ADD, SUBJECT TO A



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1 LOT OF DISCUSSION, WHICH INVOLVED EXTENSIVE COLLABORATION WITH
2 THE INDUSTRY, THE PUBLIC AND ALL THE BOARD OFFICES. VERY
3 COMPASSIONATE INDIVIDUAL WHO STRIVES TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN
4 OTHERS. HE HAS INCREDIBLE PEOPLE SKILLS AND, AS MENTIONED MANY
5 TIMES, AND BEEN VERY INVOLVED WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUNG
6 LEADERSHIP. SO WE ARE SORRY TO SEE FRED LEAVE. I THINK EVERY
7 BOARD OFFICE HAS WORKED WITH FRED AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER. I
8 KNOW I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY BOTH AT THE STAFF LEVEL WITH
9 DEANE AND THEN AS A MEMBER OF THIS BOARD. HE'S REALLY A GO-TO
10 GUY. HE'S SINCERELY GOING TO BE MISSED IN THE DEPARTMENT. I
11 KNOW THAT GAIL FEELS THE SAME WAY. SO, FRED, WE WISH YOU A
12 GREAT RETIREMENT, GOOD HEALTH, YOU AND ROSANNA, ROSANNA, ARE
13 YOU STILL WORKING?

14

15 **ROSANNA RUBIN:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** WE WISH YOU A GREAT RETIREMENT, FRED, AND SOON TO
18 BE RETIRED. ANYWAY, LET'S GIVE HIM A GREAT ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
19 [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **FRED RUBIN:** THAT'S OKAY, SUPERVISOR, I NEVER PASS AN
22 OPPORTUNITY WITH A MICROPHONE IN FRONT OF ME. I JUST WANTED TO
23 SAY THANK YOU. ACTUALLY, I APPRECIATE THIS RECOGNITION, BUT
24 THE THANK YOU IS IN THE OTHER DIRECTION. I WANT TO THANK THE
25 COUNTY, THE BOARD FOR HIRING ME 44 YEARS AGO, AND I WANT TO



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1 THANK THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT I'VE HAD TO WORK WITH THE OTHER
2 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS COLLABORATIVELY. IT'S ACTUALLY BEEN A LOT
3 OF FUN. YOU GET TO KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE, A LOT OF HARD
4 WORKING, GREAT PEOPLE. AND I WANT TO THANK-- I REMEMBER THE
5 FIRST TIME I WAS ACTUALLY HERE, I WAS SITTING RIGHT DOWN
6 THERE. I THINK THINGS CHANGED AND SUPERVISOR HAHN WAS GRILLING
7 ME EXTENSIVELY. BUT IT TURNED OUT THAT IT WAS PLAYFUL. THAT
8 WAS HIS WAY OF PLAYING AROUND. AND THAT WAS MY FIRST
9 INTRODUCTION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO SINCE THEN, I'VE
10 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH ACTUALLY A LOT OF BOARD
11 MEMBERS, A LOT OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO MY THANKS GO TO
12 EACH OF YOU AND ESPECIALLY YOUR STAFFS WHO WORK SO TIRELESSLY
13 BEHIND THE SCENES. SO THANK YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **GAIL FARBER:** I WAS GOING TO SAY ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 PUBLIC WORKS, TO SAY THANK YOU, FRED, FOR ALL YOUR YEARS OF
17 SERVICE, FOR LEADING OUR TEAM. HE'S ACCOMPLISHED A LOT. AND I
18 WISH YOU AND ROSANNA THE BEST. AND DON'T BE STRANGERS. THANKS
19 AGAIN AND CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, YOU KNOW LAST SUNDAY WAS L.A. COUNTY DAY AT
22 THE FAIR. AND I DREW THE LUCKY STRAW TO MAKE THIS
23 PRESENTATION. SINCE I WAS THERE, WE HAD A PARADE, THREW BEADS.
24 PEOPLE THROUGH THINGS AT US. NO, I WAS HOPING FOR A FUNNEL
25 CAKE BUT I NEVER GOT IT. ANYWAY, OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS,



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1 LIBRARIAN MARGARET DONNELLAN TODD AND ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL
2 DIRECTOR MARCIA MAYEDA-- OKAY. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. AS I SAID, ON
3 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, I HAD THE PLEASURE OF JOINING
4 THOUSANDS OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL L.A.
5 COUNTY DAY AT THE FAIR. WE HAD A FANTASTIC PARADE OF COUNTY
6 EMPLOYEES AND VEHICLES TO SHOW THE FAIR GOERS THE VARIOUS
7 SERVICES. WE HAD A BOOTH OUT THERE ABOUT THE SERVICES THAT WE
8 PROVIDE AS A COUNTY. AND THERE WERE DOZENS OF, AS I SAID,
9 BOOTHS TO HAND OUT INFORMATION. IT WAS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL DAY
10 YET. NOT ONLY DID WE HAVE A GREAT PARADE AND EXPO, BUT WE HAD
11 16,394 PEOPLE USE THE L.A. COUNTY SPECIAL ADMISSION COUPONS
12 DISTRIBUTED BY THE COUNTY TO ATTEND THAT DAY. HOWEVER, WHAT
13 MOST FAIR GOERS DID NOT SEE WAS A FRIENDLY BUT FIERCE AND HARD
14 FOUGHT COMPETITION. [LAUGHTER.] IN THE CARNIVAL AREA THEY
15 PITTED OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS IN A CHALLENGE AGAINST EACH OTHER
16 TO IS HE WHO WAS THE TOP BANANA-- OH, BOY-- OF SUCH HIGHLY
17 SKILLED GAMES OF SHOOTING WATER PISTOLS, THROWING DARTS,
18 ROLLING BALLS INTO HOLES. I'M SAD TO SAY THAT NOT ONE OF OUR
19 MALE DEPARTMENT HEADS WAS EVER IN THE LEAD. THE WOMEN TOOK IT
20 ALL. ALL FOUR GAMES. IT CAME DOWN TO A RUNOFF OR PLAYOFF? DID
21 YOU GUYS HAVE A RACE? NO, IT WASN'T A RUNOFF, IT WAS A PLAYOFF
22 BETWEEN LAST YEAR'S CHAMPION MARCIA MAYEDA AND MARGARET
23 DONNELLAN TODD. IT WAS A CLOSE RACE TO THE VERY BITTER END.
24 BUT MARGARET ACED THE WATER PISTOL AIM AND BROUGHT HOME THE
25 TROPHY. SO TODAY WE WANT TO ASK EVERYONE TO JOIN US IN



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1 HONORING MARGARET FOR THIS INCREDIBLE ACCOMPLISHMENT. SHE
2 LEARNED THIS SHOOTING A WATER PISTOL AT HER BUDGET.
3 [LAUGHTER.] BUT WE WANT EVERYONE TO WITNESS A PASSING THE
4 PERENNIAL TROPHY, WHICH IS ALWAYS ON DISPLAY IN THE PUBLIC
5 INFORMATION OFFICE. SO MARCIA, DO YOU WANT TO MAKE THE
6 PRESENTATION? YOU GOT A TROPHY, TOO?

7

8 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** GREAT PLEASURE AND A LITTLE BIT OF
9 DISAPPOINTMENT THAT I HAD TO GIVE UP MY TROPHY THIS YEAR, BUT
10 IT COULDN'T GO TO A BETTER PERSON. I'M VERY HAPPY MARGARET GOT
11 IT. CONGRATULATIONS.

12

13 **MARGARET DONNELLAN TODD:** THANK YOU. MY MOTHER IS SO PROUD.
14 [LAUGHTER.]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S RIGHT. TOP BANANA. HERE WE GO. THERE WILL
17 BE NO REPRINTS OF OF THE PICTURE. [LAUGHTER.] CONGRATULATIONS.
18 MADAME CHAIR, THAT'S MY PRESENTATION.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES OUR PRESENTATIONS. YES,
21 SIR.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE CATERING TRUCK ORDINANCE, WAS THAT ITEM
24 19? THAT WAS CONTINUED? CAN WE CONTINUE IT ONE MORE WEEK TO
25 THE 12TH? I WON'T BE HERE ON THE FIFTH. I KNOW YOU WERE, BUT--



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT WILL BE CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 5TH?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 12TH. I WON'T BE HERE ON THE FIFTH.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS EVERYBODY HERE ON THAT DAY?

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. I HAVE TWO
11 ADJOURNMENTS. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
12 A RECENT LOS ANGELES COUNTY RETIREE, RUBEN RIVERA. RUBEN HAD
13 JUST CONCLUDED OVER 40 YEARS OF DEVOTED COUNTY SERVICE WHEN HE
14 TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY. HE SERVED AS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
15 MANAGER FOR OUR DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AS WELL AS
16 SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. WE WANT TO
17 EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS ENTIRE FAMILY. I ASK
18 THAT ALL MEMBERS TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CALIFORNIA STATE
19 PARK LOS ANGELES DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT RONALD P. SCHAFER,
20 WHO UNEXPECTEDLY PASSED AWAY. RON WORKED CLOSELY WITH OUR
21 PARKS DIRECTOR, RUSS GUINEY, AND SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF THE
22 BALDWIN HILLS CONSERVANCY AND THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
23 CONSERVANCY. HE WAS DEVOTED TO OUR STATE PARKS, WAS KNOWN FOR
24 HIS ENTHUSIASM, HIS ENERGY AND HIS RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF
25 EXCELLENCE. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS



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1 FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. SO ORDERED ON THAT. LET ME
2 BEGIN BY CALLING BEGIN BY CALLING THE ITEM THAT I HAD PUT IN,
3 42-A. NOW 42-A, I PUT TO ON THE GREEN SHEET, AS MANY OF YOU
4 MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW, THERE CERTAINLY IS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
5 IS BRINGING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE CITY OF BELL AND THE BELL
6 COUNCILMEMBERS WE'RE VERY CONCERNED. WE'RE TRYING TO SORT OUT
7 AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO BRING ORDER TO THIS CITY. IT SEEMS TO BE
8 IN CRISIS. THERE'S A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT'S GOING ON WITH
9 STEVE COOLEY THAT WILL BRING OTHER CHARGES, AS I UNDERSTAND,
10 TODAY. SO WE HAVE A CRITICAL ISSUE. THIS IS A DISTRICT AND A
11 CITY THAT I REPRESENT. AND WHILE I'M NOT TRYING TO JUST
12 POLITICALLY PILE ON, AS SOME PEOPLE WOULD ASSUME IS GOING ON,
13 I THINK WE HAVE A DUTY HERE TO START SORTING OUT WHAT IS OUR
14 ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THESE CONSTITUENTS? THEY'RE MY
15 CONSTITUENTS AS WELL AS THIS ENTIRE BOARD'S CONSTITUENCY. AND
16 WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO BRING ORDER. WE'RE NOT SURE.
17 WE THINK THAT POTENTIALLY A RECEIVERSHIP IS THE ONLY WAY TO
18 BRING ORDER, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW WE BEGIN THAT PROCESS. SO
19 I'M ASKING TO JOIN WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL BROWN IN FOLLOWING UP
20 ON THIS AND ASKING OUR LAWYERS TO BEGIN PURSUING AND EXPLORING
21 WHATEVER OPTIONS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO US, WHICH IS ONE OF THE
22 REASONS I HAVE BROUGHT 42-A BEFORE THIS BOARD. I DON'T KNOW IF
23 YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, BUT WE DO HAVE TWO PEOPLE
24 WHO WISH TO ADDRESS US. FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE GWILYM MCGREW



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1 AND ARNOLD SACHS, IF THEY'D JOIN US, PLEASE. AND WE ALSO HAVE
2 MARIO RIVAS, IF THEY'D JOIN US.

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4 **GWILYM MCGREW:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

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8 **GWILYM MCGREW:** I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING
9 RECEIVERSHIP FOR BELL AND FOR LEADING THIS EFFORT, GLORIA
10 MOLINA. I'M RESIDENT OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IN WOODLAND
11 HILLS WHO HAS BECOME ACTIVE IN MONITORING AND RECORDING AND
12 VIDEOTAPING FOR MANY WEEKS NOW WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN BELL.
13 FOR MANY YEARS, CLEARLY THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENING
14 IN BELL AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES THAT ARE QUITE INVOLVED IN
15 MANY CORRUPT ACTIVITIES. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANTED TO
16 CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION TO SUPPORT YOUR CALL FOR RECEIVERSHIP
17 IS THAT THE CITY OF BELL BUDGET, IF YOU LOOK AT THE CITY CLUB
18 WEBSITE, ONLY SHOWS ACTUAL SPENDING THROUGH MAY OF 2008; 2008
19 AS A FISCAL YEAR HAS NOT BEEN CLOSED OUT. EVERYTHING FROM THAT
20 POINT ON, JUNE 2008, IS A PROJECTION. I THOUGHT AT FIRST IT
21 WAS JUST A MATTER OF THE WEBSITE NOT BEING UPDATED. HOWEVER, I
22 APPROACHED THE CITY ATTORNEY, WHO CONFIRMED THIS. I APPROACHED
23 COUNCILMAN VALEZ, WHO NOT ONLY CONFIRMED IT, BUT SAID HE'S
24 BEEN ASKING SINCE HE WAS APPOINTED THE SHORT TIME AGO AS A
25 COUNCILMAN TO GET FINANCIALS FROM 2009 BACK TO 2003 AND THAT



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1 THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR HAVE BOTH DENIED
2 HIS REQUEST FOR THE ACTUAL FINANCIAL NUMBERS. SO IN ADDITION,
3 LAST NIGHT AT THE COUNCIL MEETING, I ASKED THE COUNCIL, IN
4 PARTICULAR ANOTHER COUNCILMAN, IF THIS WAS TRUE. THEY SAID
5 YES. ALSO, SECTION 116 OF THE BELL CITY CHARTER CALLS FOR AN
6 ANNUAL AUDIT TO BE DONE BY A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AS AN
7 INDEPENDENT PARTY AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR. THEY
8 CONFIRMED TO ME THAT THAT HAD NOT BEEN DONE IN 2008. IT HAD
9 NOT BEEN DONE IN 2009. I ASKED THEM SINCE THE FISCAL YEAR
10 ENDED AT THE END OF JUNE WHICH INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT THEY HAD
11 HIRED TO DO IT FOR THIS YEAR. THEY HAD NO ANSWER. THEY HAVE
12 NOT HIRED ONE. SO YOU HAVE A CITY WHERE LITERALLY THE ACTUAL
13 SPENDING IS NOT ONLY NOT KNOWN BY THE PUBLIC SINCE MAY OF
14 2008, BUT A CITY COUNCILMAN SITTING ON THE CITY COUNCIL CANNOT
15 GET THE ACTUAL FINANCIALS FOR THE CITY. THIS HAS TO BE
16 MASSIVELY DISTURBING FOR ANYBODY, AND I WANTED TO MAKE SURE
17 THAT I CALLED THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION TO SUPPORT YOUR PUSHING
18 FOR THE RECEIVERSHIP. THE OTHER THING I WANT TO ADD VERY
19 QUICKLY. I CONTACTED THE STATE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. THE
20 COMPTROLLER, BY LAW, IS SUPPOSED TO COLLECT THE CITY ACTUAL
21 FINANCES EVERY YEAR AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR. AFTER TWO
22 YEARS, IF THEY DON'T HAVE THEM, BY STATE LAW, THEY'RE SUPPOSED
23 TO DO AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION WHY THEY HAVEN'T RECEIVED
24 THOSE NUMBERS. THE STATE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE INFORMED ME THAT
25 THEY HAVE RECEIVED ONLY ACTUAL GROSS REVENUE AND ACTUAL GROSS



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1 SPENDING AND NO DETAILS. SO THAT INVESTIGATION SHOULD HAPPEN,
2 TOO.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU, SIR. MR. SACHS?

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. JUST
7 A FEW THINGS REGARDING THIS ITEM. THE FIRST PARAGRAPH YOU WANT
8 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO USE EVERY LEGAL MEASURE TO PREVENT ANY
9 POTENTIAL FOR CONTINUING HARM TO THE RESIDENTS OF BELL. SO
10 IMMEDIATELY I SUGGEST HAVE THEM BE REMOVED FROM BEING UNDER
11 ANY GOVERNANCE, ANY DECISIONS MADE BY THE M.T.A. BOARD THAT
12 WOULD HELP THEM THERE. THEN YOU ALSO WRITE HERE THAT YOU WANT
13 ALL CONTRACTS TO BE INDEPENDENTLY ANALYZED, POSTED AND
14 REPORTED TO THE PUBLIC AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO APPROVAL.
15 AND YET, AGAIN, THE M.T.A. ACTIONS, WE GOT FANTASY
16 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITIES. SO WHO'S APPROVING THOSE CONTRACTS?
17 AND THEN YOU HAVE DOWN HERE DIRECT TO THE CITY OF BELL TO PAY
18 LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2.9 MILLION TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE
19 TAX REFUNDS TO CITY RESIDENTS WHO WERE WRONGFULLY TAXED. WHERE
20 WILL THAT MONEY COME FROM? FROM THE CITY OF BELL. WOULD THEY
21 GET THAT FROM THE RESIDENTS TO PAY THEMSELVES? I MEAN, EXPLAIN
22 THE-- THE SOURCE OF THE SOURCE TO REPAY THE COUNTY SO THE
23 COUNTY CAN REPAY THE CITY. AND THEN ATTORNEY GENERAL BROWN AND
24 STEVE COOLEY, I MEAN I KNOW IT'S JUST PUBLIC TRASHING, BUT
25 IT'S ITEMS AND AGENDAS AND ARTICLES THAT HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY



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1 CREATED BY THE STATE AND THE M.T.A. BOARD. AND YOU'RE LOOKING
2 INTO MEETINGS, PHANTOM MEETINGS, PHANTOM THIS, PHANTOM THAT.
3 TAKE A PEEK UNDER THE COVERS AT THE M.T.A. IT'S WIDE OPEN.
4 THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME CALL UP NESTOR VALENCIA
7 AND GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. MR. RIVAS?

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9 **MARIO RIVAS:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MARIO RIVAS AND I WELCOME
10 THIS MEASURE. I WOULD LIKE TO THINK I KNOW A THING OR TWO
11 ABOUT BEING ETHICAL AND TRUSTWORTHY. AS A 12-YEAR VETERAN OF
12 THE MARINE CORPS, AND A RETURNING IRAQ VETERAN, I STILL SERVE,
13 NOW IN THE CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD. AS A COMBAT
14 VETERAN, I WOULD LIKE TO REMARK THAT THE CORRUPTION IN BELL
15 RIVALS THOSE IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. IMAGINE MY SURPRISE AND
16 DISGUST WHEN AFTER SUFFERING CASUALTIES EXTENDING DEMOCRACY TO
17 A FOREIGN LAND, I COME TO FIND THAT DEMOCRACY IS NOT WHAT IS
18 BEING PRACTICED IN MY OWN LAND. BUT THIS IS NOT ABOUT ME. IT'S
19 ABOUT THE RESIDENTS OF BELL, THE CITIZENS OF BELL. IF EVER
20 THERE WAS AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO PLACE A MUNICIPALITY INTO
21 RECEIVERSHIP, THE TIME IS NOW. IF EVER THERE WAS A TIME FOR
22 LEADERS TO ACT IN THE NAME OF SAFEGUARDING OUR LOCAL
23 GOVERNMENT AND PROTECTING OUR MOST TREASURED CIVIC VALUE, THE
24 PUBLIC TRUST, THE TIME IS NOW. WHAT HAS BEEN REVEALED AND
25 INDEED WHAT THE NATION HAS LEARNED IS MIND BOGGLING. THE



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1 PUBLIC TRUST IN BELL HAS BEEN OBLITERATED AND THE PUBLIC
2 INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN WRECKED: FROM THE PARKS TO THE POLICE
3 DEPARTMENT, EVERYTHING IS SUSPECT, AND THE LEVEL OF MISTRUST
4 IS UNPRECEDENTED. INDEED, IF BELL WERE A PATIENT, IT WOULD BE
5 A CARDIAC ARREST AND IN NEED OF IMPARTIAL AND EXPERT
6 ATTENTION. THIS IS WHAT WE NEED OF BELL RIGHT NOW, A DOSE OF
7 IMPARTIAL, OBJECTIVE, TRUSTWORTHY ATTENTION BY EXPERT PARTIES
8 WHO INSPIRE THE PUBLIC'S TRUST RATHER THAN DEEPEN THE
9 MISTRUST. I'D LIKE TO QUOTE AN ARTICLE BY THE "WASHINGTON
10 TIMES" ENTITLED "BROWN'S LAWSUIT PUTS THE CITY ATTORNEY IN
11 TOUGH SPOT." MR. CASTLE, THE CITY ATTORNEY, INCLUDES CLOSE
12 TIES TO BELL CITY OFFICIALS, QUESTIONABLE SERVICE TO OTHER
13 MUNICIPAL CLIENTS AND INVOLVEMENT IN CLINTON ERA POLITICAL
14 SCANDALS. THAT RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER HE IS SUITED TO
15 RESTORE THE PUBLIC'S TRUST. I ALSO WANT TO REMIND MR. CARREO,
16 INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY MANAGER WHO TODAY IS ASKING HIM TO TRUST
17 HIS JUDGMENT, ASKED THE PUBLIC ON JULY 16TH AND JULY 17TH ON
18 TELEVISION INTERVIEWS TO BELIEVE THAT RIZZO'S SALARIES WERE
19 JUSTIFIED. MR. CARREO SAID THAT RIZZO BROUGHT BELL BACK FROM
20 THE BRINK OF BANKRUPTCY, WHEN WE ALL SUSPECT THAT AND NOW
21 CONFIRMED THAT HE AT THE VERY LEAST DROVE BELL INTO
22 BANKRUPTCY'S DOORSTEP. AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THIS, I
23 WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THIS RECEIVERSHIP FOR THE RESIDENTS OF
24 BELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. VALENCIA.

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3 **NESTOR VALENCIA:** MY NAME IS NESTOR VALENCIA. I LIVE IN THE
4 CITY OF BELL. I'M A LONG TIME RESIDENT AND FATHER OF TWO
5 GIRLS. I GREW UP IN BELL SINCE 1975. AND I'M A PRODUCT OF
6 PUBLIC SCHOOLS THERE, INCLUDING BELL HIGH SCHOOL. I'D LIKE TO
7 THANK PERSONALLY THIS BOARD, MISS GLORIA MOLINA, FOR TAKING
8 YOUR INTEREST IN OUR COMMUNITY. MR. ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, HE SENT
9 SOME STAFF, TOO. YOUR STAFFS WERE GREAT IN LISTENING TO OUR
10 PLEAS. WE WELCOME THIS MOTION. WE GLADLY AND EUPHORICALLY
11 BELIEVE THAT THIS IS NECESSARY RIGHT NOW. OUR GOVERNMENT HAS
12 LET US DOWN IN THE CITY OF BELL, AND IT HAS DONE SO FOR MANY
13 YEARS. AND IT'S HARMED PEOPLE. JUST REGULAR RESIDENTS. AND IT
14 TAKES THIS BRAVE ACT ON YOUR PART. IT TAKES YOUR INTEREST AS
15 ELECTED OFFICIALS, AS WELL, TO COME AND LISTEN AND AID US IN
16 THIS DEVASTATING TIME FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF BELL. I
17 WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN AND I HOPE YOU GUYS COULD GET THIS
18 DONE.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MISS CLAVREUL?

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22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
23 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. IT IS NICE THAT YOU MADE THAT MOTION,
24 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, BUT I THINK SOME OF YOU SLEPT AT THE HEAD
25 FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS BECAUSE I CANNOT BELIEVE WHAT'S



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1 HAPPENING BELL. YOU HAD ABSOLUTELY NO KNOWLEDGE WHATSOEVER.
2 ALL THE FEDERAL MONEY, ALL THE STATE MONEY TRANSFERRED BY YOUR
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO GO TO ANY OF THE CITIES, SO I THINK
4 THERE HAS TO BE SOME AWARENESS. IT'S VERY OBVIOUS THAT, YOU
5 KNOW, IT'S BETTER NOW THAN NEVER, BUT I'M VERY CONCERNED,
6 BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENED AT BELL I THINK IS JUST ONE INCIDENT
7 THAT WE KNOW ABOUT. YESTERDAY, I HAVE COME TO THIS WONDERFUL
8 PLACE AND WENT TO THE EIGHTH FLOOR. I WAS PROHIBITED TO ENTER
9 THE EIGHTH FLOOR. SO MUCH FOR TRANSPARENCY. AND, YOU KNOW,
10 THIS PLACE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR, IT'S NOT YOURS. IT'S THE
11 PEOPLE'S PLACE. AND THE PEOPLE'S HAVE RIGHTS TO COME,
12 ESPECIALLY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DONE NOTHING TO CREATE THAT
13 KIND OF BEHAVIOR. THE LITTLE GUARD SAID I WAS PROHIBITED. I
14 WAS TOLD, SHE WAS TOLD NOT TO LET ME IN. YOU KNOW? THIS IS
15 VERY SCARY. IT'S SCARY BECAUSE IT SOUNDS LIKE THE GESTAPO. WE
16 CANNOT HAVE ENTRANCE TO ANY OF YOUR OFFICE. YOU KNOW WHEN YOU
17 GO TO WASHINGTON OR SACRAMENTO, AND AFTER YOU CLEAR AND GO IN,
18 YOU CAN GO ANYWHERE. YOU ARE NEVER ASKED WHICH OFFICE YOU ARE
19 GOING TO GO TO. AND I AM VERY RESENTFUL OF WHAT HAPPENED
20 YESTERDAY. I AM AN INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS BEEN COMING HERE FOR A
21 LONG, LONG TIME. MY BEHAVIOR NEVER SHOW PHYSICAL DISRESPECT OR
22 AGGRESSION TOWARD ANY OF YOU. AND TO BE PROHIBITED TO GO TO A
23 SUPERVISOR, I FINALLY WAS ABLE TO GO IN TO TO SEE SUPERVISOR
24 ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE AND ONLY THAT OFFICE. YOU CANNOT GO
25 ANYWHERE ELSE. YOU KNOW, I'M NOT A FIVE-YEAR OLD. I HAVE DONE



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1 NOTHING WRONG. I LIVE IN THIS COUNTY, AND MAYBE YOU DON'T LIKE
2 WHAT I HAVE TO SAY SOMETIMES, BUT THAT'S MY RIGHT. THAT'S MY
3 FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT. I AM AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. I AM PROUD OF
4 BEING ONE. AND I'LL BE DARNED IF YOU'RE GOING TO PREVENT ME
5 AND SILENCE ME, EVER. MY MOST RECENT ARTICLE, VERY APPROPRIATE
6 FOR TODAY, IS CALLED "MORAL TURPITUDE." I'M SURE MANY OF YOU
7 WILL IDENTIFY YOURSELF IN IT WITH THE PEOPLE OF BELL.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. IS THERE
10 ANY OBJECTION? MOVED BY MYSELF. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
11 THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. ON
12 ITEM NO. 29, WE HAVE A PRESENTATION, I THINK, HOPEFULLY, FROM
13 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS? AND OUR INTERNAL SERVICES I'M
14 NOT SURE. BUT IF THEY COULD COME IN. SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS HELD
15 THIS ITEM AS WELL AS WE HAVE VARIOUS SPEAKERS THAT WISH TO
16 ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR KNABE, DO YOU WANT US TO
17 BRING UP THE SPEAKERS BEFORE WE BRING UP THE DEPARTMENT? OR DO
18 YOU WANT TO LISTEN TO THE DEPARTMENT FIRST?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I WANT THE DEPARTMENT HERE TO ANSWER
21 QUESTIONS. WHETHER THEY MAKE A PRESENTATION.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE WILL WAIT FOR THEM TO COME OUT.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ARE YOU REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT?

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4 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO BEGIN THE PRESENTATION? DO
7 YOU HAVE A PRESENTATION OR NOT?

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9 **SPEAKER:** NO.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. THEN I GUESS SUPERVISOR KNABE HAD
12 SOME QUESTIONS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. OBVIOUSLY, OKAY, NO
15 PRESENTATION, ALL RIGHT. I'M OBVIOUSLY OKAY WITH THE IN-HOUSE
16 COUNTY PORTION OF THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM, BUT I HAVE SOME
17 VERY SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT POTENTIALLY TAKING THIS THING
18 OUTSIDE OF OUR COUNTY FACILITIES AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME. AND
19 AS I UNDERSTAND IT, AND SINCE YOU'RE NOT MAKING A REPORT,
20 MAYBE YOU CAN ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS, THERE ARE NO COMMERCIAL
21 COMPOSTING FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY. AND WHAT ARE AND WHERE
22 ARE THE CLOSEST FACILITIES THAT DO THIS TYPE OF COMPOSTING TO
23 DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF STYROFOAM?

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1 **SPEAKER:** THE CLOSEST FACILITY IS IN KERN COUNTY AND THERE ARE
2 SOME IN ADJOINING COUNTIES. WE HAVE VERY SMALL SCALE
3 COMPOSTING WITHIN THE COUNTY BUT NO COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AT
4 THIS TIME.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** CAN OUR INCORPORATED RESIDENTS PUT THESE
7 RECYCLABLE, COMBUSTIBLE FOOD CONTAINERS IN THE BLUE BINS?

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9 **SPEAKER:** THE RECYCLABLE PRODUCTS COULD BE PUT IN. THE
10 COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS THEY WOULD NEED TO PUT INTO A BACKYARD
11 COMPOSTING SYSTEM OR OTHERWISE IT WOULD BE DISPOSED OF.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** SO WHAT IS THE COUNTY CURRENTLY DOING WITH THESE
14 MATERIALS, THEN? ARE THEY GOING TO LANDFILLS?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** IT DEPENDS ON THE LOCATION. IF THEY HAVE RECYCLING
17 INFRASTRUCTURE, THEY'RE ABLE TO RECYCLE THEM. BUT OTHERWISE
18 BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE COMPOSTING INFRASTRUCTURE AT OUR COUNTY
19 OPERATIONS IN GENERAL, THOSE WOULD BE ENDING UP AS LANDFILL.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** SO I GUESS MY CONCERN IS WHY IS STAFF RECOMMENDING
22 MATERIALS THAT CAN'T EVEN BE RECYCLED OR COMPOSTED IN OUR
23 COUNTY? KERN COUNTY IS A LONG WAYS AWAY. IS THAT UP TO THE
24 HOUSEHOLD OR THE BUSINESS PERSON TO TAKE IT TO KERN COUNTY?

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1 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, OUR REPORT TO YOUR BOARD WAS IN RESPONSE
2 TO THE MOTION THAT YOUR BOARD DIRECTED US TO LOOK INTO PHASING
3 OUT EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOOD CONTAINERS IN THE COUNTY. AS
4 SUCH, WE ARE REPORTING BACK TO YOUR BOARD WITH REGARDS TO
5 COUNTY OPERATIONS AS WELL AS KNOWING THERE ARE CONSTRAINTS
6 WITH REGARDS TO NOT ONLY COMPOSTING FACILITIES BUT ALSO
7 RECYCLING FACILITIES. WE ARE REQUESTING YOUR BOARD TO ALLOW
8 ANOTHER 12 MONTHS FOR US TO FURTHER NOT ONLY STUDY BUT ALSO
9 COLLABORATE WITH THE INDUSTRY AND STAKEHOLDERS TO COME BACK
10 WITH THE RECOMMENDATION BECAUSE THAT IS ALSO A CONCERN THAT WE
11 HAVE.

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE I MEAN I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE
14 PIECE THAT RELATES TO COUNTY FACILITIES. I DON'T THINK ANYONE
15 HAS A PROBLEM WITH THAT, AT LEAST TO TRY TO WORK THAT OUT. BUT
16 I'M CONCERNED WE'RE KIND OF PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE
17 KIND OF SITUATION WHERE WE DON'T HAVE THE APPROPRIATE
18 INFRASTRUCTURE TO RECYCLE OR COMPOST ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY?
19 DON'T WE NEED SOMETHING LIKE THAT BEFORE WE EXPAND ANY BAN ON
20 CONTAINERS? DO WE HAVE ANY PLANS TO CREATE AN INFRASTRUCTURE?

21
22 **SPEAKER:** THAT ACTUALLY IS THE PURPOSE OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY
23 REPORT THAT WE WILL BRING TO YOUR BOARD IN 12 MONTHS. THE
24 MOTION DEALT WITH PHASING OUT STYROFOAM FOOD CONTAINERS. IF
25 THE CONCERN WITH REGARDS TO COMPOSTING FACILITIES, RECYCLING



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1 FACILITIES AND WHATNOT IS ALSO AN ITEM THAT YOU WOULD LIKE US
2 TO LOOK INTO, ESSENTIALLY MODIFYING THE EVALUATION AND/OR THE
3 TIMEFRAME, WE ARE MORE THAN HAPPY TO LOOK INTO THOSE ISSUES
4 AND BRING THE REPORT BACK TO YOU IDENTIFYING WHAT THE INDUSTRY
5 INDICATES THEY ARE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH AND WHAT WOULD BE
6 FEASIBLE FOR THE COUNTY, WHETHER IT IS PHASING IT OUT
7 IMMEDIATELY OR PHASING IT OUT, IT WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF THE
8 REPORT TO YOUR BOARD.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT THE LITTER OF
11 FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS IS A PROBLEM. THERE'S NO QUESTION
12 ABOUT THAT. BUT I MEAN THIS COULD CREATE HAVOC FOR OUR SMALL
13 BUSINESSES, OUR SMALL RESTAURANT RETAIL BUSINESSES,
14 MANUFACTURING, ET CETERA, THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, WITHOUT THE
15 APPROPRIATE INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE TO DO THIS. SO I THINK WE
16 SHOULD HOLD OFF AT LOOKING AT COUNTY-WIDE BANS ON ANY ONE
17 PARTICULAR PRODUCT WHEN WE DON'T EVEN HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE
18 NECESSARY TO HANDLE THE ALTERNATIVE. SO I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM
19 WITH YOUR MOTION. IT'S THAT PIECE AS IT RELATES TO THE COUNTY-
20 WIDE SITUATION WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE INFRASTRUCTURE OF
21 EMPLOYEES?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, A LOT OF US HAVE A LOT
24 OF QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO IT. WE DON'T WANT TO CREATE A
25 DISADVANTAGE FOR PARTICULARLY SMALL BUSINESSES IN OUR



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1 UNINCORPORATED AREA, BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE THE ONLY
2 JURISDICTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE WOULD HAVE. BUT VERY,
3 FRANKLY, WE'RE ASKING THEM TO LOOK AT IT. SO THERE ARE A LOT
4 OF ISSUES. THIS IS NOT ADOPTING ANY PROCESS AT ANY TIME OTHER
5 THAN ASKING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO BEGIN THE
6 PROCESS OF REVIEWING. I THINK A LOT OF US HAVE QUESTIONS, AS
7 WELL. AND I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO BE SUBMITTING QUESTIONS AS TO
8 HOW IT WOULD WORK. BUT FOR NOW WE DO KNOW THAT PLACES LIKE
9 MCDONALD'S, IT'S A BIG, BIG OPERATION, DOES NOT USE THE
10 POLYSTYRENE. SO THERE ARE OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE. BUT
11 LET'S NOT-- WHAT WE ARE SAYING NOW IS NOW WE'RE READY TO MOVE
12 FORWARD. THE COUNTY IS A MAJOR, MAJOR UTILIZER OF THIS. AND SO
13 AT THE COUNTY LEVEL, WE ARE BEGINNING THE PROCESS. THERE'S
14 SOME DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE GOING TO TAKE THEM LONGER TO
15 TRANSITION THROUGH IT ALL, BUT CERTAINLY AS WE LOOK AT IT, WE
16 ARE VERY INTERESTED. THE WHOLE UTILIZATION OF THIS CAN GO
17 BEYOND THAT, AS WELL. THERE'S A LOT OF PACKAGING THAT IS DONE
18 BY MANY VARIOUS MANUFACTURERS AND OTHERS IN OUR DISTRICTS. WE
19 DO NOT WANT TO CREATE A DISADVANTAGE. BUT RIGHT NOW THE ONLY
20 ISSUE THAT WE ARE ASKING IS THE SECOND PORTION OF IT, AND
21 BELIEVE ME, I HAVE AS MANY QUESTIONS AS YOU DO, I AM CERTAINLY
22 NOT IN ANY WAY TRYING TO CREATE A DISADVANTAGE FOR
23 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. BUT WE ARE HOPING TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP.
24 THIS IS A LARGE COUNTY TAKING A VERY BOLD STEP, THAT HOPEFULLY
25 WE CAN BEGIN THE PROCESS OF LOOKING AT THE SECOND PART OF IT.



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1 BUT IT REALLY DOESN'T WORK UNLESS YOU CAN ENCOURAGE THE ENTIRE
2 REGION TO BE AN ACTIVE PART OF IT, WHICH MAY WARRANT OTHER
3 OPTIONS THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE, LIKE RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES
4 AND THINGS OF THAT SORT. SEE, RIGHT NOW IT IS JUST A REVIEW
5 AND A REPORT. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING-- AND CLARIFY ME IF I'M
6 INCORRECT ON THIS. THIS IS ASKING NOTHING TO GO BACK TO THE
7 TABLE. LOOK AT ALL OF THESE ITEMS. LOOK AT ALL OF THESE
8 ISSUES. LOOK AT VARIOUS OPTIONS, STUDY IT. I DON'T KNOW IF
9 YOU'RE GOING TO COME BACK AND RECOMMEND THERE'S A BAN OR NOT.
10 I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO, BUT I THINK THERE'S A
11 LOT OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS. RIGHT NOW, ALL WE ARE DOING AT
12 THIS POINT IN TIME IN ANY ACTIONABLE ITEM OTHER THAN THIS
13 SECONDARY PART, WHICH IS THE STUDY, IS REALLY BEGINNING THE
14 PROCESS OF THE BANNING AT OUR COUNTY FACILITIES. AND SOME OF
15 OUR FACILITIES ARE ASKING FOR A TIME PERIOD TO MAKE THAT
16 TRANSITION, WHICH IS FAIR.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND THAT EVEN IN THE PAPER CONTAINERS
19 THAT SOME FACILITIES ARE USING, IN ORDER TO PREVENT LEAKAGE,
20 THERE'S SORT OF LIKE A PLASTIC OR STYROFOAM PIECE IN BETWEEN
21 THE TWO PIECES OF PAPER, AM I CORRECT?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS CORRECT.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THAT'S ANOTHER ISSUE. WHILE IT MAY NOT BE A
2 TOTAL STYROFOAM, AT LEAST AT THIS POINT TO MAKE IT SAFE FROM
3 LEAKAGE AND THOSE KINDS OF THINGS, THAT THERE IS A LAYER OF
4 LIKE STYROFOAM OR SOMETHING IN THERE. YOU KNOW, AGAIN, I DON'T
5 HAVE A PROBLEM WITH OUR COUNTY FACILITY'S PIECE. I DO HAVE A
6 PROBLEM ON THE COUNTYWIDE UNTIL WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE. YOU'RE
7 NOT GOING TO HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE IN 12 MONTHS, RIGHT?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 12 MONTHS IS ONLY TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF
10 STUDYING IT, REVIEWING, LOOKING AT THESE OPTIONS. I DON'T KNOW
11 THAT WE ARE SAYING "GO STUDY IT" TO BRING BACK A BAN. WE'RE
12 NOT SAYING THAT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M SORRY. THAT'S THE WAY I READ IT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** RIGHT NOW WE ARE LOOKING AT THEM TO LOOK
17 AT ALL THE VARIOUS OPTIONS THAT ARE POSSIBLE. BUT I THINK THAT
18 IF YOU LOOKED AT--

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I INTERPRETED YOUR MOTION AS A BAN IN 12 MONTHS.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S THE WAY I DID.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE ARE TO LOOK AT IT.

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3 **SPEAKER:** YOU'RE CORRECT. IT'S ONLY A STUDY. WHAT WILL BE
4 COMING BACK IN 12 MONTHS IS A RECOMMENDATION FOR YOUR
5 CONSIDERATION. IT MAY BE A BAN, IT MAY NOT BE. AND JUST TO
6 CLARIFY YOUR QUESTION, A LOT OF TIMES YOU MIGHT FIND PAPER
7 CUPS THAT HAVE A LINER THAT'S PLASTIC, BUT OUR
8 RECOMMENDATIONS, FIRST OF ALL, ARE TO USE REUSABLE PRODUCTS,
9 REUSABLE PLATES AND CUPS WHENEVER POSSIBLE. IF WE CAN'T DO
10 THAT, WE WANT TO USE THE FULLY COMPOSTABLE OR BIO DEGRADABLE
11 PRODUCTS. IF THOSE AREN'T AVAILABLE, RECYCLABLE PRODUCTS, AND
12 THEN THE LAST RESORT IS PAPER CUPS THAT HAVE THE PLASTIC
13 LINING BECAUSE YOU'RE CORRECT THAT THOSE CUPS WOULD NOT BE
14 EITHER RECYCLABLE OR COMPOSTABLE.

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16 **SPEAKER:** IN ADDITION, SUPERVISOR, IF WE COME BACK WITH A
17 RECOMMENDATION TO ACTUALLY BAN, WHICH WE HAVEN'T REALLY
18 FORMULATED ANY OPINIONS WITH REGARDS TO THAT, MOST LIKELY
19 AFTER COMING TO YOUR BOARD, THEN A PROCESS WILL BEGIN TO
20 ACTUALLY GO THROUGH THAT, IF YOUR BOARD SO DESIRES. SO AT THIS
21 POINT WE ARE PURELY ASKING FOR A 12-MONTH TIMEFRAME FOR US TO
22 FURTHER STUDY THIS AND BRING IF REPORT BACK TO YOU.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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1 **SPEAKER:** WHAT THE FINDINGS ARE.

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** WHERE IS THE MOTION?

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IDEALLY WHERE WE'RE GOING IS THAT WE'D
6 LIKE TO SEE A BAN COUNTYWIDE. IDEALLY THAT WOULD BE THE BEST.
7 BUT THAT IS NOT WHAT WE HAVE AN OPTION TO DO. OUR ONLY
8 JURISDICTIONAL REACH IS UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND SO IT MIGHT
9 BE SOME LEADERSHIP THINGS THAT WE MIGHT UNDERTAKE. IT MIGHT BE
10 ALL THE VARIOUS OPTIONS THAT WE WOULD LOOK AT. BUT RIGHT NOW,
11 IT DOESN'T SAY "COME BACK AND BRING A BAN IN 12 MONTHS."

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL ITEM 2 ACTUALLY SAYS "BRING IT BACK IN SIX
14 MONTHS PROHIBITING THE USE."

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT IS NOT 12 MONTHS.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S THE ORIGINAL MOTION? IN UNINCORPORATED
19 AREAS.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, WHEN SUPERVISOR KNABE IS
22 DONE, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** LET'S CLARIFY IT SO THAT WE ARE CLEAR ON
25 IT SO THAT THERE'S NO MISUNDERSTANDING. IT IS OUR INTENTION



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1 THAT WHAT WE'D LIKE TO DO IS CREATE THE PROHIBITION AT THE
2 COUNTY LEVEL FOR ALL OF OUR JURISDICTIONS WITHIN OUR
3 UTILIZATION, WITHIN THE COUNTY, WITH GIVING SOME OPPORTUNITIES
4 SO THOSE DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN ENUMERATED AND BEGINNING
5 THAT PROCESS. AND THEN WHAT WE'D LIKE TO DO IS ASK THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONTINUE TO STUDY THIS ITEM. WE
7 WOULD LIKE TO EVENTUALLY GET TO A BAN, BUT JURISDICTIONALLY WE
8 CAN ONLY DO THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND SO WE HAVE TO LOOK
9 AT THAT, AS WELL, AS TO WHAT IT WOULD MEAN. FOR RIGHT NOW, FOR
10 ALL THE SMALL BUSINESSES THAT I HAVE, IT WOULD BE AN UNFAIR
11 DISADVANTAGE FOR MANY OF THOSE SMALL BUSINESSES. SO WE WANT TO
12 LOOK AT ALL OF THOSE ITEMS. THE OTHER PART OF IT MIGHT BE THE
13 KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT WE IN THE COUNTY MIGHT BE ABLE TO
14 PROVIDE BY TAKING THE BOLD ACTION THAT WE ARE' TAKING TODAY AS
15 PROBABLY ONE OF THE LARGEST UTILIZERS IN THE REGION, BUT MAYBE
16 LOOK AT WHAT OTHER KIND OF LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES WE CAN
17 UNDERTAKE TO CREATE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EFFORT WOULD BE TO
18 HAVE AN OVERALL BAN. YOU CAN'T DO IT IN JUST ONE COMMUNITY AND
19 NOT IN ANOTHER BECAUSE YOU'RE CAN'T--

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU CAN'T CREATE A BAN IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE
22 INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE. WE WANT LEADERSHIP, WE SHOULD ALLOW
23 COMPOSTING.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, AGAIN, THAT IS AN ISSUE THAT WE NEED
2 TO LOOK AT AS WELL. WHAT DO YOU DO WITH IT ALL?

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** KERN COUNTY IS THE CLOSEST PLACE.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THOSE ARE THE ISSUES WE NEED TO LOOK AT.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** ITEM 5 SAYS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF IMPLEMENTING THE
9 PROHIBITION ON THE PURCHASE, PROHIBITION. SO IT CLEARLY STATES
10 THAT THE GOAL IN 12 MONTHS IS TO PROHIBIT COUNTYWIDE.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** I CAN CLARIFY. THE PROHIBITION IS AT COUNTY
13 OPERATIONS. SO WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF YOUR ACTION TODAY, WHAT WE
14 WOULD DO IS EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING THAT
15 PROHIBITION INTO THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND WE MENTIONED IF
16 DETERMINED TO BE FEASIBLE, AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND SCHEDULE
17 WILL BE SUBMITTED. SO WE HAVEN'T MADE A DETERMINATION AT THIS
18 POINT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** AND PART OF THAT IS I WAS LOOKING THROUGH THE
21 MOTION QUICKLY, I'M JUST DOING IT QUICKLY AGAIN, ANY ISSUE AS
22 IT RELATES TO THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING THE INFRASTRUCTURE
23 TO HANDLE THE SITUATION, NOT JUST BANNING, BUT IF WE ARE GOING
24 TO SHOW LEADERSHIP, THEN WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO USE IT RIGHT
25 HERE WITHIN OUR COUNTY INSTEAD OF SAYING "WELL, YOU'VE GOT TO



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1 GO TO KERN COUNTY TO DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO HERE." WE'RE GOING
2 TO DO IT AT OUR OWN COUNTY FACILITY, SO THAT WON'T BE
3 INEXPENSIVE, CORRECT? I MEAN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SHIP OUR
4 COUNTY FACILITY STUFF TO KERN COUNTY.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** WELL MAKE SURE THAT IS PART OF THE REPORT,
7 SUPERVISOR.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND I THINK THAT, AGAIN, JUST SO THAT WE
12 UNDERSTAND, IT IS A REPORT TO COME BACK AND REALLY PROVIDE
13 SOME OPTIONS TO US. YES, MY GOAL WOULD BE TO BAN IT. BUT IT
14 WOULD BE TO BAN IT COUNTYWIDE. AND RIGHT NOW JURISDICTIONALLY
15 WE DON'T HAVE THAT. IF YOU ARE GOING TO BAN IT, THEN YOU DO
16 HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RECYCLING AND RECOMPOSTING, ALL OF
17 THOSE ISSUES. SO THERE'S NO DOUBT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** EVEN IF YOU DO IT COUNTYWIDE, I UNDERSTAND THAT.
20 BUT EVEN IF YOU DO IT COUNTYWIDE OR JUST UNINCORPORATED, YOU
21 STILL HAVE TO HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT I SAID. MAYBE I DIDN'T SAY IT
24 CORRECTLY. THAT'S EXACTLY TRUE. THOSE ARE THE ISSUES THEY NED
25 TO LOOK AT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THE DISCUSSION HAS BEEN USEFUL,
7 MADAME CHAIR, BUT I WANT TO INDICATE MY SUPPORT FOR THE
8 DIRECTION IN WHICH THIS IS HEADED, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF
9 THE FACT THAT SINCE 2007, APPROXIMATELY THE MATTER HAS BEEN
10 UNDER CONSIDERATION AND I BELIEVE IT'S TIME TO ACTIVATE. I AM
11 NOT UNDER THE IMPRESSION, NOR IS THERE ANY DATA THAT WOULD
12 CAUSE ME TO BE UNDER THE IMPRESSION, THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCE HAS
13 GOTTEN BETTER. THEREFORE, APPROPRIATE INTERVENTION SHOULD BE
14 CONSIDERED. I THINK THERE'S PRUDENCE HERE IN VIEW OF THE FACT
15 THAT THERE'S A TIME TO FURTHER AND MORE DELIBERATELY AND
16 CONSISTENTLY, LET US SAY THOROUGHLY STUDY THE ITEM. THE
17 ECONOMIC IMPACTS ARE NOT IRRELEVANT. SOME \$18 MILLION ANNUALLY
18 TO ADDRESS THE MATTER OF BLIGHT IN OUR COUNTY. THAT INCLUDES A
19 RANGE OF POLLUTANTS IN OUR STREAMS AND THROUGHOUT OUR
20 RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE JOBS IMPACT.
21 AND I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE A VERY CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF WHAT
22 THAT LOOKS LIKE. BECAUSE THAT HAS BEEN RAISED AS AN ISSUE OF
23 CONCERN. BUT IT NEEDS TO BE DONE WITH AN EYE TOWARD WHAT
24 POSSIBILITIES THERE ARE FOR JOBS IN A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT
25 RATHER THAN JOBS THAT ARE REACTING TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS



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1 AND TOXINS AND THE LIKE. AND SO I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO
2 ATTEND TO THE ISSUE OF INFRASTRUCTURE BECAUSE THERE'S A JOBS
3 DISCUSSION OF SOME CONSEQUENCE THAT CAN BE ENTERTAINED. I DO
4 NOT BELIEVE AT THAT POINT THAT IT IS EXCLUSIVELY THE
5 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR FOR JOB CREATION IN THAT
6 SENSE. ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT ITS BEST MEANS THAT THE PRIVATE
7 SECTOR WILL, IN FACT, STEP UP, MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE MARKET,
8 WHICH SHOULD BE IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIVE WAY. AND SO,
9 MADAME CHAIR, I SALUTE THE EFFORT TO BRING THIS FORWARD, AND I
10 LOOK FORWARD TO THE BALANCE OF THE DISCUSSION WHEN IT RETURNS
11 TO THE BOARD.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE VARIOUS MEMBERS
14 THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US. IF THEY'D COME UP AND JOIN US.
15 FIRST WE HAVE KIRSTEN JAMES, FOLLOWED BY ANN BRADLEY, SAMANTHA
16 MARTINEZ, AND TIM SHEEHAN. PLEASE JOIN US. MISS JAMES IF YOU'D
17 BEGIN.

18

19 **KIRSTEN JAMES:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS KIRSTEN JAMES AND I'M
20 THE DIRECTOR OF WATER QUALITY AT HEAL THE BAY. AND THIS IS
21 ACTUALLY A VERY FITTING DAY TO BE HEARING THIS ITEM TODAY
22 BECAUSE AS WE SPEAK, THERE ARE 700 SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM TITLE
23 1 SCHOOLS THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN HEAL THE BAY'S COASTAL
24 CLEANUP EDUCATION DAY DOWN AT THE BEACH AND THEY'RE PICKING UP
25 TRASH. AND GUESS WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO FIND? THEY'RE GOING TO



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1 FIND STYROFOAM AND EXTENDED POLYSTYRENE. THIS IS WHAT WE FIND
2 TIME AND TIME AGAIN ON OUR BEACH CLEANUPS, ON COASTAL CLEANUP
3 DAY, WHICH IS COMING UP THIS SATURDAY. AND WE HOPE YOU ALL CAN
4 JOIN US. BUT TIME AND TIME AGAIN, E.P.S. IS ONE OF THE MOST
5 FREQUENTLY FOUND ITEMS. AND WHY IS THIS A PROBLEM? WELL, THE
6 NATURE OF E.P.S. IT CAN BREAK DOWN INTO SMALLER AND SMALLER
7 PIECES. AND SO INSTEAD OF PICKING UP ONE BOTTLE OR ONE CUP AT
8 THE BEACH, YOU'RE PICKING UP DOZENS OF PRODUCTS. AND THE
9 STYROFOAM GETS INTO THESE LITTLE SMALL PIECES THAT CAN BE
10 EASILY MISTAKEN FOR FOOD. SO POLYSTYRENE, AS OPPOSED TO OTHER
11 PRODUCTS, IS PARTICULARLY OF A CONCERN FOR US BEACH LOVERS AND
12 OCEAN LOVERS AND ALSO COMMUNITY BLIGHT AND HAVING YOUR COUNTY
13 CREWS HAVING TO PICK UP THIS TRASH. SO IT'S A TAXPAYER ISSUE,
14 AS WELL. YOU KNOW, CONTROLLING THIS PRODUCT WILL NOT ONLY HELP
15 KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES CLEAN AND FREE OF BLIGHT, BUT IT'LL ALSO
16 HELP MEETING TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD REGULATIONS, WHICH THE
17 COUNTY IS SUBJECT TO AND ALSO WILL SAVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS. YOU
18 KNOW, I SEE A LOT OF FOLKS IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY THAT I'VE
19 SEEN TIME AND TIME AGAIN AT THESE TYPES OF HEARINGS ON E.P.S.
20 AND I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO TRY TO PULL AT YOUR HEART STRINGS
21 ABOUT THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES. AND THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT. BUT
22 THE FACT IS THAT E.P.S. IS NOT A SUSTAINABLE PRODUCT. WE NEED
23 TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES. WE NEED TO LOOK AT ENTREPRENEURSHIP
24 LIKE MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS ALLUDED TO. AND LOOKING AT GREEN JOBS
25 AND SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS BECAUSE E.P.S. IS NOT GETTING US TO



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1 WHERE WE NEED TO BE. SO TODAY I URGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD FOR
2 THE SAKE OF THE BLIGHT IN OUR COMMUNITIES, FOR THE SAKE OF
3 TAXPAYER DOLLARS, FOR THE SAKE OF OUR OCEANS. AND ALSO I URGE
4 YOU, THIS MOTION WAS INITIALLY PASSED IN 2007. AND I URGE YOU
5 TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS TO BRING THIS BACK, TO CONSIDER A
6 COUNTY-WIDE BAN. AS YOU KNOW, THIS HAS BEEN DONE IN DOZENS OF
7 COMMUNITIES AROUND THE STATE AND AROUND THE COUNTRY. AND FOLKS
8 ARE DOING FINE. HERE IN SANTA MONICA, WE HAVE NO BUSINESSES
9 THAT WENT OUT OF BUSINESS DUE TO THE E.P.S. BAN. THEY'RE DOING
10 JUST FINE. THEY ADAPT. THE CITY WORKS WITH THEM TO COME UP
11 WITH SOLUTIONS. SO IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE MOVE TOWARDS
12 THIS SECOND PHASE. I THINK SINCE 2007, WE'VE WAITED LONG
13 ENOUGH. SO WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD TODAY. THANK YOU
14 FOR BRINGING UP THIS MOTION AND WE ASK THAT YOU TAKE THAT
15 SECOND STEP. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS BRADLEY.

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19 **ANN BRADLEY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I DON'T DOUBT THAT ALL
20 MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD CARE ABOUT NOT ONLY THEIR CONSTITUENTS,
21 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND OUR COUNTRY AND OUR WORLD. AND I SAY
22 THAT URGING YOU TO VOTE YES ON THIS MOTION. I KNOW YOU CARE.
23 SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU HAVE ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR AREAS
24 OF THE COUNTY. AND I KNOW HOW MUCH I'VE HAD THE HONOR, AS A
25 COUNTY EMPLOYEE IN THE PAST, WORKING WITH YOUR INCREDIBLE



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1 STAFF AND THE STAFFS OF EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF THIS BOARD. SO
2 I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE. BUT THE TIME HAS COME. THIS IS NOT
3 CUTTING-EDGE MOTION. THIS IS A MOTION THAT SHOULD HAVE PASSED
4 BEFORE. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS WE HAVE AN EXTRAORDINARY
5 OPPORTUNITY, AS WAS SO WIDELY STATED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
6 THOMAS TO CREATE GREEN JOBS. GREEN IS GREEN. GREEN CREATES
7 DOLLARS IN OUR COMMUNITY. IT REDUCES TRASH. IT WILL GIVE US
8 THE OPPORTUNITY TO TURN PEOPLE NOW TRYING TO DIG INTO
9 LANDFILL, INTO COMPOSTING JOBS, INTO JOBS THAT WILL HAVE A
10 BENEFIT TO OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS IS A MOTION THAT IS WAY PAST
11 DUE. AND I SAY THAT WITH DEEPEST RESPECT. I URGE YOU NOT ONLY
12 TO PASS THIS MOTION, BUT AS I SAID THREE YEARS AGO WHEN I SAT
13 BEFORE THIS BOARD, PLEASE START ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR. NO
14 STYROFOAM AND NO DISPOSABLES ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR. MODEL GOOD
15 PRACTICES. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS MARTINEZ?

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19 **SAMANTHA MARTINEZ:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
20 ADDRESS THE BOARD. MY NAME'S SAMANTHA MARTINEZ AND I REPRESENT
21 THE PLASTIC FOOD SERVICES PACKAGING GROUP. OUR MEMBERS MAKE
22 AND DISTRIBUTE ALL TYPES OF FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS YOU'RE
23 DISCUSSING INCLUDING POLYSTYRENE AND POLYCOATED PAPER. THE
24 COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS, P.E.T., POLYPROPYLENE AND MANY OTHER
25 MATERIALS. ALL MATERIALS AND ALL MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS LEAVE



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1 SOME ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINTS, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY
2 AND WATER USED IN THE MANUFACTURE, THE AMOUNT OF GREENHOUSE
3 GAS CREATED DURING DISTRIBUTION AND END OF LIFE ISSUES. AND IN
4 OUR VIEW, THESE MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN DEVELOPING THE
5 COUNTY'S POLICY. WE'VE REVIEWED THE STAFF REPORT AND HAVE SOME
6 ISSUES REGARDING THE DATA ON LIFE CYCLE IMPACTS, LITTER AND
7 HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS. WE MET WITH STAFF YESTERDAY BASED ON
8 RECEIVING THE REPORT LATE WEDNESDAY NIGHT. AND WE DID PROVIDE
9 STAFF COMMENTS AND HAD A DISCUSSION. AND WE WILL PUT IT IN
10 WRITING SO THAT YOU HAVE OUR COMMENTS. P.F.P.G. SUPPORTS MANY
11 STEWARDSHIP EFFORTS TO ADDRESS END OF LIFE ISSUES WITH FOOD
12 SERVICE PACKAGING AND THAT IS WHY WE ARE SO EXCITING ABOUT THE
13 COUNTY'S E.P.S. RECYCLING PILOT AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
14 AND RATHER THAN A POLICY THAT RESTRICTS THE PURCHASE OF
15 SPECIFIC MATERIALS, WE URGE THE COUNTY TO CONSIDER A
16 REQUIREMENT THAT DEPARTMENTS USE ONLY MATERIALS CAPABLE OF
17 BEING RECYCLED OR COMPOSTED, AND LOOK AT THE INFRASTRUCTURE
18 REQUIREMENT TO DO SO AS THE DISCUSSION YOU JUST HAD. THAT
19 RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE MORE IN LINE WITH THE COUNTY'S
20 ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PRODUCTS PURCHASING POLICY. SOME OF
21 THE OBJECTIVES IN THAT POLICY THAT THIS BOARD CREATED INCLUDES
22 SUPPORTING STRONG RECYCLING MARKETS, MINIMIZING ENVIRONMENTAL
23 IMPACTS, SUCH AS THE USE OF WATER AND ENERGY, WHICH SOME OF
24 THE ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS THAT YOU'LL BE USING DO, AND REDUCE
25 MATERIALS THAT ARE PUT INTO LANDFILLS. BY DE-SELECTING E.P.S.



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1 INTERNALLY AND LOOKING TO RESTRICT E.P.S. COUNTYWIDE, THE
2 COUNTY WILL EFFECTIVELY REPLACE A LIGHTWEIGHT PRODUCT THAT CAN
3 AND IS BEING RECYCLED WITH PRODUCTS SUCH AS POLYCOATED PAPERS
4 AND COMPOSTABLES THAT CURRENTLY IN L.A. COUNTY CURRENTLY ONLY
5 GO TO LANDFILL AND USE MORE WATER AND ENERGY TO SUPPORT AND
6 DOES NOTHING TO SUPPORT RECYCLING. BUT BY ADDRESSING
7 INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOOKING AT THE END OF LIFE ISSUES FOR ALL
8 PRODUCTS, THE COUNTY WILL MOVE TOWARD THE STATED GOALS OF THE
9 PRODUCT PURCHASING POLICY. P.F.P.G. MEMBERS ALSO KNOW THAT OUR
10 PRODUCTS ARE PART OF THE LITTER STREAM AND WE WANT TO BE PART
11 OF THE SOLUTION. WE'RE COMMITTED TO BEING PART OF THE
12 SOLUTION. WE'RE SUPPORTIVE OF ANTI- LITTER PROGRAMS AND PUBLIC
13 EDUCATION PROGRAMS. WE'RE SUPPORTIVE OF RECYCLING VIA
14 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PROVIDING RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE,
15 INCLUDING BINS AND APPROPRIATE MACHINERY TO HANDLE THE
16 MATERIALS. AND WE SUPPORT LOCAL NONPROFITS AND COMMUNITY
17 GROUPS FOCUSED ON CLEANING WATERWAYS AND EDUCATING OTHERS,
18 INCLUDING KEEP L.A. BEAUTIFUL, THE L.A. CONSERVATION CORPS,
19 RIVER KEEPERS AND AMBASSADOR PROGRAMS AND F.O.L.A.R. THERE'S A
20 LOT TO DO AND WE'RE WILLING TO STEP UP AND BE PART OF THE
21 SOLUTION. IN CLOSING, WE REQUEST THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT STAFF
22 TO LOOK AT ALL FOOD SERVICE MATERIALS AND SOLID WASTE
23 INFRASTRUCTURE AND COME UP WITH A PLAN TO ADDRESS THE END OF
24 LIFE SOLUTIONS FOR ALL MATERIALS CAPABLE OF BEING RECYCLED OR
25 COMPOSTED. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS MARTINEZ. NEXT WE HAVE
3 SHERRIDAN ROSS, DAVID MARTINEZ AND HECTOR GONZALEZ. MR.
4 SHEEHAN?

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6 **TIM SHEEHAN:** GOOD MORNING. APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK
7 TO YOU THIS MORNING. I REPRESENT PACKED CORPORATION. WE'RE A
8 NATIONWIDE LEADER IN PRODUCING AND SELLING PACKAGING PRODUCTS.
9 WE'VE BEEN IN BUSINESS IN THE L.A. AREA SINCE THE MID '60S SO
10 THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR US. AND ONE KEY POINT I WANTED
11 TO MAKE THIS MORNING IS THAT AS WE SEE THESE POLICIES DEVELOP
12 AS A BUSINESS, THERE'S ALWAYS A FLAW IN OUR MIND IN TERMS OF
13 HOW THESE GET IMPLEMENTED. AND THE KEY IS THAT A LOT OF THE
14 DISCUSSION REVOLVES AROUND THIS PACKAGE OR THAT PACKAGE, BUT
15 VERY RARELY DOES IT TALK ABOUT HOW YOU'RE GOING TO GO BACK AND
16 DETERMINE WHETHER THE GOALS THAT ARE SET ARE ACTUALLY BEING
17 ACCOMPLISHED. AND I DON'T SEE A LOT IN THE REPORT THAT TALKS
18 TO THAT. I'LL TELL YOU, WE HAVE A LOT AT STAKE HERE. AND AS A
19 BUSINESS, WE'RE REQUIRED TO DO THAT OR WE WOULDN'T BE IN
20 BUSINESS VERY LONG. SO I GUESS A COUPLE KEY QUESTIONS IS HOW
21 WILL THE GOALS BE QUANTIFIED? AND HOW WILL IT BE DETERMINED
22 THAT THE POLICY IS ACTUALLY WORKING? NOW, THE COUNTY HAS DE-
23 SELECTED MANY ITEMS ALREADY. THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO DO THAT.
24 WE'RE A CUSTOMER. AND WE TRY TO PROVIDE THE ITEMS THAT THE
25 COUNTY WANTS TO BUY. BUT WHAT I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST IS THAT YOU



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1 GO BACK AND DETERMINE: HAS THE COUNTY'S ACTIONS SO FAR
2 IMPROVED THE WAY OF LIFE FOR THE COUNTY OF L.A.? HAS IT
3 REDUCED LITTER? AND I WOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE THAT THE REPORT HAS
4 TO ADDRESS THAT SOMEHOW IN THE FUTURE, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE
5 LOOKING AT A COUNTY-WIDE BAN. BECAUSE THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH AT
6 STAKE. ALSO SOME OTHER FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS WE HAVE IS: IS
7 SOME OF THE ITEMS THAT HAVE KIND OF BEEN MENTIONED ALREADY IS,
8 ARE ARE THE ALTERNATIVES GOING TO BE DIVERTED OR ARE THEY
9 CONTINUING TO BE DISPOSED OF IN THE SAME WAY AT THE E.P.S. HAS
10 BEEN DISPOSED OF? IF YOU DON'T MAKE A CHANGE IN THE COLLECTION
11 AND DISPOSAL, WHAT HAVE YOU REALLY GAINED? WHAT'S THE PLAN FOR
12 THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO AVERT THE ALTERNATIVE PACKAGING?
13 RENEWABLES ARE THE DESIRED ALTERNATIVE, AS STATED IN THE
14 REPORT, ONE OF THE ALTERNATIVES. ARE THEY GOING TO BE
15 COMPOSTED? ARE THEY BEING COMPOSTED NOW? I THINK WE'VE HAD
16 THAT DISCUSSION ALREADY THIS MORNING. AND THEN IS THERE A PLAN
17 TO DEAL WITH THE ALTERNATIVES? YOU KNOW, AT LEAST E.P.S.
18 PRODUCTS, THEY'RE BEGINNING TO BUILD THE RECYCLING
19 INFRASTRUCTURE. AND THAT'S BEING BUILT BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.
20 THIS ACTION WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THAT. SO THE REPORT ITSELF
21 REALLY DOESN'T CHANGE THE TRASH COLLECTION. IT DOESN'T MAKE
22 SUGGESTIONS ON HOW THAT'S GOING TO BE DONE. IT DOESN'T CREATE
23 A COMPOSTING INFRASTRUCTURE. ITS RECOMMENDATION REALLY, THE
24 ACTIONS AGAINST IT WOULD KILL JOBS, LOCAL JOBS. I COULD TELL



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1 YOU WHERE THE ALTERNATIVES ARE GOING TO COME FROM, THE
2 MAJORITY ARE GOING TO COME FROM OVERSEAS AND ASIA.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

5

6 **TIM SHEEHAN:** APPRECIATE THE TIME.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. ROSS?

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10 **SHERRIDAN ROSS:** MY NAME IS SHERRIDAN ROSS. I'VE WORKED FOR THE
11 PACTIV IN LA MIRADA FOR 24 YEARS. I'M THE SAFETY COORDINATOR
12 THERE. AGAIN, I OPPOSE ALSO THIS ACTION BASICALLY AGAIN,
13 LITTER IS A PROBLEM. STYROFOAM ITSELF IS JUST MAYBE ONE PART
14 OF THAT. BUT THINGS THAT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE
15 LOOKING AT IS THAT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT
16 ALL LITTERS AND NOT JUST SINGLING OUT THE STYROFOAM AS A
17 PORTION. AGAIN, SOMETHING THAT IT'S GOING TO BE REPLACED FOR,
18 MAYBE FOUR, FIVE YEARS DOWN THE ROAD WILL BE BACK AT THIS
19 BOARD HERE SAYING OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO BE BANNING SOMETHING
20 ELSE BECAUSE OF THAT SAME ISSUE. AND WHILE WE NEED TO MAKE
21 SURE THAT WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE IN
22 THE PROCESS OF CHANGING A CULTURE SO THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT
23 LITTERING, SO THAT WE DO HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RECYCLING
24 DIFFERENT PRODUCTS AND STUFF, THAT WE DO MAKE NO MATTER WHAT
25 IT'S MADE OUT OF. AT OUR FACILITY, WE MAKE NOTHING BUT



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1 POLYSTYRENE. AND SO IT WOULD AFFECT OUR JOBS. WE HAVE
2 APPROXIMATELY ABOUT 90 PEOPLE IN OUR FACILITY. AND, AGAIN,
3 IT'S NOT EASY FOR US TO RETOOL BECAUSE MAKING OTHER PRODUCTS
4 SUCH AS WITH PAPER GOODS AND STUFF WOULD TAKE A WHOLE NEW
5 PROCESS THAT WE WOULD NEED TO MAKE. AND SO, AGAIN, IT WOULD
6 AFFECT OUR JOBS. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. MARTINEZ?

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10 **DAVID MARTINEZ:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAVID MARTINEZ. I
11 ALSO WORK WITH SHERRIDAN ROSS AT PACTIV AT LA MIRADA. I'VE
12 BEEN THERE 32 YEARS. I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF OUR EMPLOYEES THERE,
13 I AM THE UNIT MANAGER THERE, MANUFACTURING MANAGER. WE'RE
14 CONCERNED BECAUSE IF THIS GETS APPROVED, WE'RE GOING TO BE OUT
15 LOOKING FOR JOBS, BASICALLY. PACTIV OFFERS GOOD BENEFITS. WE
16 HAVE MEDICAL, HEALTH INSURANCE, DENTAL, VISION. AND IN TODAY'S
17 ECONOMY, IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH OUT THERE TO FIND ANOTHER JOB.
18 THERE'S ABOUT 90 EMPLOYEES THERE, LIKE SHERRIDAN SAID THERE.
19 BUT IT'S BEYOND THAT. I MEAN THERE'S PEOPLE THAT SUPPORT OUR
20 INDUSTRY. SO IT'S NOT JUST THE 90 PEOPLE AT OUR FACILITY THAT
21 WILL BE IMPACTED. THERE'S THE OTHERS THAT SUPPORT THAT
22 INDUSTRY. I STAND HERE THIS MORNING AND I MENTIONED I WANTED
23 TO SPEAK THIS MORNING. IT IS A BEHAVIOR ISSUE ABOUT LITTER.
24 I'M HEARING PEOPLE TALK ABOUT LITTER GETTING INTO THE
25 WATERWAYS AND OUT TO THE OCEAN AND THAT THAT'S POLYSTYRENE IS



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1 WHAT THEY FIND. I THINK ABOUT YOU'VE SEEN THE FREEWAYS? THE
2 FREEWAYS ARE FILLED WITH TRASH. SO WHY SINGLE OUT POLYSTYRENE?
3 I MEAN YOU COULD BAN EVERY PRODUCT OUT THERE? I MEAN IT'S JUST
4 AMAZING THE AMOUNT OF TRASH YOU SEE ON THE FREEWAYS THERE. AND
5 I FEEL LIKE THIS PRODUCT'S BEING SINGLED OUT. AND IT'S WRONG.
6 IT'S WRONG TO DO THAT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** STUART WALDMAN, IF HE'D JOIN US, AS WELL?
11 MR. GONZALEZ?

12

13 **HECTOR GONZALEZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS HECTOR GONZALEZ. AND I WORK
14 FOR THIS FACILITY LOCATED IN LA MIRADA, CALIFORNIA, FOR 31
15 YEARS. MY ROLE AT THAT FACILITY, I'M THE TEAM LEADER, I'M THE
16 CHEF TEAM LEADER FOR SECOND SHIFT. LIKE MY MY CO-WORKER SAYS,
17 WE RECEIVE GOOD PAY, GOOD BENEFITS, A 401(K) AS WELL, AND
18 MEDICAL, VISION AND DENTAL, LIKE MY PARTNER SAYS, BUT ANYHOW,
19 IF THIS BILL GETS PASSED, MOST LIKELY-- MY WIFE WORKS FOR THE
20 SAME COMPANY. SHE'S BEEN THERE FOR OVER 25 YEARS. ME, LIKE I
21 SAY 31. MOST LIKELY WE WILL BE OUT OF A JOB. SO ALL I CAN SAY
22 IS PLEASE CONSIDER THIS AND DO NOT PASS THIS BILL BECAUSE MOST
23 LIKELY ME AND MY FELLOW CO-WORKERS, WE'RE GOING TO BE OUT A
24 JOB. AND I'M OVER 50 YEARS OLD AND IT'S GOING TO BE KIND OF
25 HARD FOR ME TO FIND ANOTHER JOB. AND LIKE I SAID, OUR PRODUCT



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1 IS A GOOD PRODUCT. IT PROVIDES GOOD SANITATION FOR THE
2 RESTAURANTS. WHEN YOU GO OUT THERE AND TAKE OUT YOUR LUNCH OR
3 YOUR DINNER, WHATEVER, IT'S SANITIZED. AND IT'S VERY--
4 PROTECTS FROM GETTING DIRTY INSIDE. SO PLEASE, AGAIN, DO NOT
5 PASS THIS BAN. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. WALTMAN.

8

9 **STUART WALDMAN:** MY NAME IS STUART WALDMAN, I'M PRESIDENT OF
10 THE V.I.C.A., THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION,
11 AND I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK THAT THE COUNTY NOT BAN POLYSTYRENE
12 FOAM FOOD PACKAGING IN COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS, BUT RATHER
13 WORK WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRY TO COME UP WITH REAL
14 SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS LITTER AND MARINE DEBRIS. V.I.C.A. SHARES
15 YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT AND LITTER AND WANT TO BE
16 INVOLVED IN TRUE SOLUTIONS. V.I.C.A. IS ALSO CONCERNED THAT
17 THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR
18 REGION'S ECONOMY, IS STRUGGLING. AND ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS
19 COULD PUT MORE RESTAURANTS OUT OF BUSINESS. AS THE L.A. TIMES
20 REPORTED ON AUGUST 21ST, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LOST NEARLY 1,000
21 MORE RESTAURANTS THAN IT GAINED DURING THE 12 MONTHS THAT
22 ENDED IN MARCH, REPRESENTING A NET 2 PERCENT DROP THAT WAS
23 TWICE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. THESE CLOSINGS WERE ALMOST ALL
24 INDEPENDENTLY OWNED, SMALL FAMILY BUSINESSES THAT LOST
25 CUSTOMERS DUE TO THE POOR ECONOMY AND JOB LOSSES. BEFORE



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1 BANNING ONE PRODUCT, PLEASE WORK WITH US, THE LOCAL
2 BUSINESSES, AND GIVE US THE CHANCE TO WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS
3 THE PROBLEM OF LITTER, WHICH IS A PROBLEM NO MATTER WHICH
4 PACKAGING MATERIAL IS USED. I'D LIKE TO SUPPORT COLLABORATIVE
5 SOLUTIONS AND WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO LOOK AT
6 EXPANDING RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING IN ORDER TO ADDRESS ALL
7 MATERIALS BEFORE REPLACING ONE PRODUCT WITH ANOTHER THAT HAS
8 ADDITIONAL COSTS AND NO REAL ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT WITHOUT THE
9 INFRASTRUCTURE TO HANDLE IT. THIS UNNECESSARY BAN WOULD NOT
10 SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF MARINE DEBRIS BUT WOULD CREATE THE
11 PROBLEM OF ADDITIONAL EXPENSES TO SMALL BUSINESSES AT A TIME
12 WHEN BUSINESSES ARE STRUGGLING AND RESTAURANTS ARE CLOSING IN
13 RECORD NUMBERS. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE HAVE OTHER PEOPLE THAT HAVE
16 JUST SIGNED UP. ANDREW CASANA, PLEASE JOIN US. SIGNED UP
17 TWICE. TOMMY KIM, AND GREG WHITTON. PLEASE JOIN US.

18

19 **ANDREW CASANA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ANDREW CASANA. I'M
20 HERE REPRESENTING THE CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION. FIRST
21 OF ALL I WANT TO SAY RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION MEMBERS CARRY--
22 THEY USE MANY DIFFERENT FOOD PACKAGING PRODUCTS. SO IT'S NOT
23 JUST E.P.S. BUT IN TALKING TO THE MEMBERS, THE REASON THEY USE
24 THE E.P.S. TEND TO BE FOR THE QUALITY AND THE PRICE, THE
25 COMBINATION. NOT USUALLY JUST PRICE. BUT THE QUALITY OF E.P.S.



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1 AND WHEN THEY LOOK AT LIKE INCORPORATED AREAS OF L.A. COUNTY,
2 ONE AREA STANDS OUT WOULD BE ROWLAND HEIGHTS. IT'S A VERY
3 LARGE ASIAN COMMUNITY. ABOUT 95 PERCENT OF THESE RESTAURANTS
4 USE THE E.P.S. DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE QUALITY IS ABLE TO
5 HOLD THE HOT FOOD, HOT NOODLES BETTER THAN THE ALTERNATIVES. I
6 KNOW MISS JAMES BROUGHT UP SANTA MONICA AND HOW IT WENT OFF
7 FANTASTIC THERE. THE PROBLEM YOU RAN INTO IN SANTA MONICA IS
8 THAT WHEN IT WAS PASSED, THE RESTAURANTS WERE ENCOURAGED TO
9 BUY BIODEGRADABLES. WELL AFTER YOU BOUGHT THE BIODEGRADABLES
10 THEY WERE INFORMED THAT THEY COULDN'T USE BIODEGRADABLES
11 BECAUSE THEY DON'T BIODEGRADE IN THE OCEAN. SO WE ENDED UP,
12 RESTAURANT MEMBERS, WITH A SURPLUS OF PRODUCT THAT THEY
13 COULDN'T EVEN USE. SO I KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE COMING
14 BACK AND MEETING WITH STAFF, AND I HAVE TO BE HONEST WITH YOU,
15 WE HAVE A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH STAFF, AND I ENJOY WORKING
16 WITH THEM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH THEM AND TALKING
17 ABOUT OTHER THINGS. AND ANYTHING THAT THE BOARD NEEDS FROM US,
18 PLEASE LET ME KNOW. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. KIM?

21

22 **TOMMY KIM:** YES, HI, MY NAME IS TOMMY KIM, I'M WITH N.E.P.CO,
23 NATURAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMPANY. WE'RE LOCATED IN
24 CHINO, CALIFORNIA. WHAT WE DO IS WE GET STYROFOAM FROM _____,
25 FROM L.A. COUNTIES, RIVERSIDE COUNTIES AND DIFFERENT FOOD



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1 SERVICING COMPANIES AND PACKAGING. WHAT WE DO WITH THAT IS WE
2 TURN AROUND AND RE-PELLETIZE IT AND THEN MAKE A FINAL PRODUCT.
3 I BROUGHT YOU SOME EXAMPLES HERE. PICTURE FRAMES THAT WE MAKE
4 AT OUR FACILITY. IT IS ALL MADE OUT OF RECYCLABLE E.P.S.,
5 EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE. I JUST WANTED TO COME AND SHOW YOU GUYS
6 THAT E.P.S. IS A GREAT PRODUCT AND IT IS A RECYCLABLE PRODUCT,
7 AND WE WITH CREATING MORE GREEN JOBS. I MEAN I'M OPEN FOR YOU
8 GUYS TO COME AND JUST CHECK OUT OUR FACILITY AND SHOW YOU HOW
9 JUST THE STYROFOAM THAT YOU SEE ON THE STREETS, THAT COULD
10 BECOME THESE WONDERFUL PRODUCTS HERE AT OUR FACILITY. THANK
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. KIM. MR.
14 WHITTON?

15

16 **GREG WHITTON:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS GREG WHITTEN. I'M THE
17 PLANT MANAGER FOR THE PACTIV LA MIRADA FACILITY. THE LA MIRADA
18 PLANT IS ROUGHLY 80 TO 100-PERSON FACILITY. PACTIV ITSELF HAS
19 FIVE FACILITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT REPRESENT ABOUT 800
20 TO 1,000 FOLKS DEPENDING UPON THE TIME OF THE YEAR. THE LA
21 MIRADA FACILITY IS PROBABLY THE MOST DIRECTLY IMPACTED, WHICH
22 IS WHY YOU'VE HEARD FROM MORE LA MIRADA FOLKS TODAY THAN
23 OTHERS. ALL THE PACKAGING FACILITIES WOULD BE IMPACTED. THE LA
24 MIRADA FACILITY IS DIRECTLY IMPACTED BECAUSE IT EXCLUSIVELY
25 MAKES FOAM-BASED PRODUCTS, FOAM PLATES, FOAM INSULATED



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1 CONTAINERS, FOAM BOWLS. SO IT'S DIRECTLY IMPACTED. THERE HAS
2 BEEN A KIND OF UNDERLYING QUESTION, I KNOW AS WE'VE KIND OF
3 GONE THROUGH THIS PROCESS: WHY DON'T FOR ONCE AND FOR ALL YOU
4 GUYS RETOOL THE PLANT, MAKE AN ALTERNATIVE PRODUCT? AND
5 OBVIOUSLY THERE'S AN ASSERTION THAT THE ALTERNATIVE PRODUCT IS
6 BETTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT PRODUCT, LIKE THE CUP THAT I SEE
7 RIGHT HERE BEFORE ME, WHICH ISN'T EVEN A RECYCLABLE PRODUCT,
8 OPPOSED TO OUR PRODUCT BEING RECYCLABLE. JUST SET THAT
9 ASSERTION ASIDE, THAT THE IDEA OF JUST RETOOLING OUR
10 MANUFACTURING PLANT; IF ONE ACTUALLY CAME TO THE PLANT, AND WE
11 THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, TO WALK THROUGH OUR FACILITY TO SEE
12 HOW CLEAN IT IS, HOW FOCUSED A MANUFACTURING PLANT LIKE OUR
13 OWN IS ON RECYCLING, I THINK WOULD BE ONE WOULD BE GREATLY
14 IMPRESSED. BUT IF WE WALK THROUGH THE FACILITY, IT WOULD BE AN
15 ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PROCESS. ONE DOESN'T TAKE MOLDED FIBER
16 PRODUCTS OR COMPOSTABLE AND USE THE SAME EQUIPMENT. IT WOULD
17 BE LIKE ASKING AN ORANGE TREE TO MAKE AN APPLE. WE'RE NOT
18 TALKING ABOUT A \$50,000 INVESTMENT. WE'RE NOT TALKING \$100,000
19 INVESTMENT. ONE EXTRUSION LINE ALONE IS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. I
20 HAVE TWO. ONE RECLAIM LINE ALONE IS A MILLION DOLLARS. I HAVE
21 TWO. WE HAVE SIX FOREMEN LINES. THEY ALL COST HUNDREDS OF
22 THOUSANDS IF NOT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. ESSENTIALLY WHAT ONE
23 WOULD DO WAS GUT THE FACILITY. YOU'D HAVE A SHELL. AND THEN
24 YOU WOULD BRING IN WHATEVER IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE MOLDED
25 FIBER PRODUCTS, PAPER PRODUCTS. AND IN GENERAL THAT TYPICALLY



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1 IS MUCH MORE WATER-BASED, WHICH HAS ALL OF ITS OWN
2 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND ALL OF ITS OWN ENVIRONMENTAL
3 CONCERNS, CERTAINLY NOT SOMETHING THAT WE, WHO MAKE A WIDE
4 RANGE OF PRODUCTS, SEE AS BETTER. I MEAN, WE ACTUALLY MAKE A
5 WIDE VARIETY OF THESE PRODUCTS, A WIDE VARIETY OF THE
6 ALTERNATIVES, AND WE OURSELVES DON'T SEE THEM AS BETTER FOR
7 THE ENVIRONMENT. DON'T SEE THEM BETTER FOR GREENHOUSE GASES.
8 THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THERE ISN'T ONE ASPECT, AN ASPECT LIKE
9 ONE MIGHT BREAK DOWN IN THE WATER DIFFERENTLY THAN THE OTHER,
10 BUT IN THE WHOLE ENVIRONMENTAL PICTURE, WE DON'T SEE AS A
11 BENEFIT. I THINK WHAT WE REALLY DO SEE-- AND THE REASON WE'RE
12 HERE TODAY IS THAT ONCE AND FOR ALL IS WE NEED TO FINALLY WORK
13 TOGETHER. I MEAN WE HAVE ENVIRONMENTALISTS WHO SPEAK AGAINST
14 US, RIGHT, AND WE ARE THE EXPERTS IN THE INDUSTRY. WE NEED TO
15 FINALLY WORK TOGETHER BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND THE
16 GOVERNMENT AND OURSELVES TO PUT TRULY GOOD POLICY IN PLACE.
17 WHAT WE ASK IS THE SECOND PART OF THIS STUDY BE MORE FOCUSED
18 ON THE BROAD, NOT JUST POLYSTYRENE FOAM.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. ALL
21 RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD I JUST SAY A WORD?

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SURE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOST OF THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY OR MUCH OF IT
3 HAS BEEN ABOUT THE STUDY AND WHAT MAY COME AS A RESULT OF THE
4 STUDY IN A YEAR. THAT'S LEGITIMATE. I THINK IT'S GOOD TO HAVE
5 EVERYBODY PUT ON NOTICE WHAT THE SPECTRUM OF CONCERNS ARE. BUT
6 THE ACTION WE'RE TAKING TODAY IS REALLY, AS SOMEONE SAID,
7 LET'S START ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR. LET'S START WITH OUR OWN
8 ORGANIZATION. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS THE BIGGEST
9 EMPLOYER IN THE-- COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS THE BIGGEST EMPLOYER IN
10 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WHEN WE SNEEZE, THE REST OF THE
11 COUNTY CATCHES A COLD. WE SET THE EXAMPLE FOR OTHER MAJOR
12 EMPLOYERS. AND HOPEFULLY FOR SMALLER EMPLOYERS. SO BY OUR
13 TAKING THE STEPS TO CLEAN UP OUR OWN HOUSE, AND SOME OF IT
14 WILL NOT BE WITHOUT SOME SACRIFICE. IT MAY EVEN ADD SOMEWHAT
15 TO OUR COST, AT LEAST IN TERMS OF THE SUBSTITUTION OF OTHER
16 MATERIALS, BUT THE BENEFIT OF IT IS BOTH THAT WE ARE REDUCING
17 STYROFOAM CUPS AND STYROFOAM MATERIAL INTO OUR WASTE STREAM
18 AND, SECONDLY, WE'RE SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR THE REST OF THE
19 COUNTY. SO EVEN IF AT THE END OF THE DAY WE CHOOSE NOT TO PASS
20 AN ORDINANCE THAT APPLIES TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND WE
21 CHOOSE NOT TO ASK EVERY OTHER CITY IN THE COUNTY TO PASS A
22 SIMILAR ORDINANCE, THAT AT THE VERY LEAST, WE WILL HAVE SET AN
23 EXAMPLE ON OUR OWN FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW. AND I HOPE THAT SOME
24 COMPANIES WILL NOT WAIT THE YEAR TO FIND OUT WHAT WE'RE GOING
25 TO DO AND WHAT THE STUDY SAYS AND WILL JUST TAKE THE STEPS



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1 THAT WE'VE TAKEN TO DO THIS. THE LAST THING I WANT TO SAY IS
2 THIS STUFF IS-- THIS STUFF ENDS UP ALL OVER THE PLACE. IT ENDS
3 UP ON MY FRONT LAWN, ON YOUR FRONT LAWN, ON YOUR PARKWAY, IN
4 YOUR STORM DRAIN, IN YOUR BEACH, IN THE OCEAN. THIS IS LIKE
5 PLASTIC BAGS, THIS IS URBAN TUMBLEWEED, AND IT HAS SOME VERY
6 PROFOUND NEGATIVE ADVERSE IMPACTS ON OUR ENVIRONMENT AND ON
7 MARINE LIFE WHEN IT GETS INTO THE OCEAN. WE NEED TO BE
8 COGNIZANT OF THAT. AND OUR MARINE COMMUNITY THAT DON AND I
9 BOTH REPRESENT AND SHARE IN THE COUNTY, IS A HUGE ECONOMIC
10 RESOURCE TO THIS REGION THE PACIFIC COAST IS A HUGE ECONOMIC
11 ENGINE FOR LOS ANGELES, BOTH INDUSTRIALLY IN TERMS OF FISHING
12 AND RECREATIONALLY. IT IS A BIG ECONOMIC ENGINE. WE OUGHT TO
13 PROTECT THAT ENVIRONMENT AND THE OTHER PARTS OF OUR
14 ENVIRONMENT THAT AREN'T ON THE COAST BY DOING WHAT WE CAN TO
15 REDUCE THIS PARTICULAR SUBSTANCE INTO OUR WASTE STREAM. SO I
16 SUPPORT THIS. I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR IT. TODAY, ALL WE'RE DOING
17 IS JUST DEALING WITH OUR OWN ORGANIZATION. IN A YEAR, WE'LL
18 SEE WHAT OUR OPTIONS ARE BEYOND IT. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT LITTLE PELLET WILL LIVE LONGER THAN
21 OUR LIVES COLLECTIVELY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S THAT?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE LITTLE PELLET WILL LIVE LONGER THAN
2 MOST OF US COLLECTIVELY UP HERE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MUCH LONGER.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER QUESTION OR COMMENT?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** I DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT I'D LIKE TO JUST AS IT
9 RELATES TO MY CONCERN ABOUT THE INFRASTRUCTURE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SURE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THAT WITHIN-- OBVIOUSLY THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT
14 WE NEED TO DEAL WITH. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S INCLUDED.
15 AND I WOULD JUST MOVE THAT WE DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
16 WORKS TO LOOK AT THE APPROPRIATE INFRASTRUCTURE TO HANDLE ALL
17 ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS AS PART OF ITS FEASIBILITY STUDY SO THAT
18 WE CAN ENSURE THAT A COUNTYWIDE BAN IS NOT IMPLEMENTED UNTIL
19 THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO RECYCLE OR COMPOST THESE PRODUCTS ARE IN
20 PLACE. SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S PART OF THIS STUDY.
21 THAT'S THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THIS MOTION.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AGAIN, WE'RE NOT-- THE IDEA AND
24 HOPEFULLY IT'S NOT MISUNDERSTOOD. THE IDEA IS NOT THAT ONE
25 YEAR WE WANT YOU TO PRESENT A BAN TO US. IT IS TO STUDY THIS



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1 ITEM AND TO LOOK AT IT IN ALL THESE OPTIONS. AND I THINK THE
2 ANSWER THAT IS RAISED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE IS WORTHWHILE TO
3 REVIEW, AS WELL.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I ALSO THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, I KNOW
6 THAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES A VERY GOOD JOB OF WORKING WITH
7 VARIOUS RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION AND OTHERS, BUT I THINK WE
8 SHOULD TAKE, YOU KNOW, THE FOLKS THAT MANUFACTURE, MAYBE HAVE
9 A MANUFACTURER AS PART OF THAT DISCUSSION GROUP WHEN YOU LOOK
10 AT THIS PARTICULAR ITEM. THAT'S A GREAT PARTNERSHIP.
11 PARTICULARLY WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT GREEN JOBS AND EVERYTHING
12 ELSE. TO HAVE A MANUFACTURER AT THE TABLE WOULD BE A GOOD
13 RESOURCE, I THINK.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I MAY, THAT MAKES A LOT
16 OF SENSE TO ME. AND I CANNOT IMAGINE A THOROUGH ANALYSIS DONE,
17 FULL DUE DILIGENCE DONE OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS ABSENT
18 INCLUSION OF THOSE WHO ARE STAKEHOLDERS ACROSS-THE-BOARD. SO
19 I'M GOING TO ASSUME THAT THAT WILL BE THE CASE. AND I TAKE
20 FROM YOUR AFFIRMATIVE HEAD NODS THAT SUCH WILL BE THE CASE.
21 AND IT MIGHT BE USEFUL, IF IT'S NOT ALREADY ARTICULATED,
22 MADAME CHAIR, THAT WE GET PERIODIC UPDATES AS TO THE PROGRESS
23 THAT'S BEING MADE? WHATEVER YOU SPECIFY, QUARTERLY OR SO,
24 BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IN LIGHT OF THE INITIATIVE NOW
25 THREE PLUS YEARS AGO, WE NEED TO BE A MORE VIGILANT IN



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1 MONITORING THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRESS. AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO
2 SUGGEST THAT THAT BE A CONSIDERATION IF YOU'RE RECEPTIVE TO
3 THAT. AND THEN, FINALLY, SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION I HAVE A
4 LITTLE DIFFICULTY WITH THE LAST SENTENCE, THE LAST PART OF THE
5 ACTION, THOUGH, SAYS "SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE THAT A COUNTYWIDE
6 BAN IS NOT IMPLEMENTED UNTIL THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO RECYCLE OR
7 COMPOST THESE PRODUCTS IS IN PLACE." THAT KIND OF LOADS IT UP
8 AND LOCKS US IN, COLLEAGUE. AND I AM FULLY COMFORTABLE WITH
9 THE THOROUGH TREATMENT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE QUESTIONS, BUT
10 THIS SEEMS TO GO TO THE POINT OF SAYING THAT WE DON'T MOVE ON
11 A BAN UNLESS SUCH IS IN PLACE. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS THE
12 WILL OF THE BODY OR NOT.

13
14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** (OFF MIC COMMENT).

15
16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND, AGAIN --

17
18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAYBE IT DOESN'T.

19
20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN, WHAT WE DO WANT TO DO IS STUDY IT.
21 I THINK IT'S A WORTHWHILE ISSUE, BUT I DO THINK, SUPERVISOR
22 KNABE, JUST AS WE'RE SAYING, THEY'RE NOT TO COME IN WITH A
23 RECOMMENDATION JUST TO BAN. WE ALSO DON'T WANT THEM TO COME IN
24 WITH A RECOMMENDATION NOT TO BAN. RIGHT NOW WE'RE ASKING THEM
25 TO LOOK AT THE ISSUE. JURISDICTIONALLY WE DON'T HAVE AS MUCH



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1 ROOM AND IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE IN MANY AREAS. THEY NEED
2 TO STUDY ALL THE ITEMS. THIS IS A STUDY MOTION, SO IF THAT'S
3 NOT A PROBLEM, WE CAN--

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A SUGGESTION THAT MAY MAKE YOU MORE
6 COMFORTABLE. WELL EITHER THAT OR SAY PART OF IT'S FEASIBILITY
7 STUDY PREPARATORY-- THAT'S FINE.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, FIRST OF ALL, YES?

10

11 **GAIL FARBER:** I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY REAL QUICK, NO PROBLEM
12 WITH THAT WITH RESPECT TO CONTINUING THE STUDY. WE DO THE
13 COUNTYWIDE WORKING GROUP. OF COURSE PUBLIC WORKS HAS TAKEN THE
14 LEAD AND COULD CERTAINLY REPORT BACK ON A QUARTERLY BASIS OR
15 AN AS-NEEDED BASIS. BUT WE DO HAVE A MULTI-DEPARTMENTAL
16 WORKING GROUP THAT'S COORDINATING THIS EFFORT ON BEHALF OF THE
17 ENTIRE COUNTY AS WELL AS WORKING WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS IN THE
18 PLASTICS INDUSTRY, RESTAURANT BUSINESSES AND ENVIRONMENTAL
19 COMMUNITY AND ALSO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES. IN FACT, I WANTED TO OFFER MY THANKS
22 TO ALL OF THOSE FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN MEETING FOR YEARS, A LOT
23 LONGER THAN I THOUGHT IT SHOULD. BUT, AGAIN, FINALLY GETTING
24 THE GO. AND I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF I.S.D. AND ALL OF
25 THOSE THAT ARE INVOLVED IN PROCUREMENT. AND I UNDERSTAND THE



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1 TRANSITION WILL BE TOUGH FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS. AND WE'RE
2 GIVING THEM THE KIND OF ROOM THAT THEY NEED. BUT I THINK THIS
3 IS A VERY MONUMENTAL OPPORTUNITY IN MANY RESPECTS TO PLAY A
4 KEY LEADERSHIP ROLE. I THINK THE SECOND PART IS A LITTLE BIT
5 MORE DIFFICULT BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE JURISDICTION. BUT
6 HOPEFULLY THIS KIND OF LEADERSHIP STEP THAT WE ARE TAKING HERE
7 WILL SPEAK OF POTENTIAL ACTIONS THAT ALL OF OUR CITIES SHOULD
8 EMBRACE AND MAYBE EVENTUALLY WE COULD HAVE A COUNTYWIDE
9 TASKFORCE OF ALL OF THE CITIES OF TRYING TO LOOK AT HOW WE
10 COULD IMPLEMENT A COUNTYWIDE BAN. BECAUSE IT'S REALLY THE KIND
11 OF COOPERATION THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED. AND I THINK IT'S
12 APPROPRIATE NOT ONLY OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE BUT LET'S NOT LOOK
13 AT THE JOBS WE LOSE BUT LOOK AT THE JOBS THAT WE WOULD GAIN,
14 AS WELL, AND POTENTIAL TRANSITION TO THAT. IT'S TERRIBLE WHEN
15 YOU SEE SOMETHING THAT IS SO SIGNIFICANT AND SO IMPORTANT THAT
16 SOMEBODY MIGHT LOSE THEIR JOB OVER IT, BUT I ALSO THINK
17 THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE JOBS AROUND IT. SO WE NEED TO
18 LOOK AT ALL THOSE OPTIONS. I DON'T THINK WE'RE AS READY FOR
19 THE SECOND PART. IF WE HAD JURISDICTION OVER THE COUNTY
20 COUNTYWIDE, I THINK WE COULD TAKE SOME BOLDER STEPS. BUT RIGHT
21 NOW THE STUDY GOES A LONG WAY. BUT I THINK IT'S REALLY VERY
22 SIGNIFICANT CONSIDERING THE AMOUNT OF STYROFOAM AND EXPANDED
23 POLYSTYRENE THAT WE USE, I THINK THIS IS A VERY BOLD MOVE ON
24 THE PART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO MOVE
25 THE ITEM. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO



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1 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK. ALL
2 RIGHT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NO PUBLIC COMMENT NOW ON
3 ITEM NO. 17 AND 26. AND SO WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO ASK THAT WE
4 MOVE THOSE ITEMS. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY
5 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED
6 ON THAT ITEM. ON THOSE TWO ITEMS. YES, SIR?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** POINT OF CLARIFICATION. YOU MOVED IT AND SECONDED
9 IT. YOU'RE NOT SAYING MOVED AS AMENDED.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. I APOLOGIZE IF THAT WASN'T
12 UNDERSTOOD. I THOUGHT THOSE AMENDMENTS WERE ALL ACCEPTED.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** ARE THEY INCLUDED OKAY, THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO IT WOULD BE AS AMENDED WITH YOUR MOTION
17 AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S REGULAR QUARTERLY
18 REPORTS. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. MR. SACHS
19 HAS HELD A NUMBER OF ITEMS, SO I'M GOING TO ASK HIM TO COME UP
20 AND JOIN US. ON ITEM 12, MIKE ROSS HAS ALSO HELD THAT ITEM? IF
21 MIKE ROSS COULD JOIN US? AND, MR. ROSS, IF YOU'LL SPEAK TO
22 ITEM 12? AND WE'RE GOING TO ASK MR. SACHS TO SPEAK TO ITEM 2-
23 D, 8, 12, 14, 15, 16, 25, 27, 42-B AND ITEM NO. 2, AS WELL.
24 SO, MR. ROSS, IF YOU'D BEGIN?

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1 **MIKE ROSS:** GOOD MORNING. I AM HERE TO SUPPORT THE ADDITION OF
2 L.A.P.D. E.S.C.A.R.S. INFORMATION TO THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S
3 INDEX. AS A POINTER SYSTEM, THE F.C.I. LEAVES SOME THINGS TO
4 BE DESIRED. BUT THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORT OF THE BOARD,
5 D.C.F.S., C.E.O. AND OTHER COUNTY AGENCIES, WE'RE BEGINNING TO
6 SEE REAL IMPROVEMENT TO A DATABASE OF SOCIAL WORKERS ONCE
7 CONSIDERED FLAWED AND INADEQUATE. SEVEN OF DC.F.S.' 18
8 REGIONAL OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN THE L.A.P.D.'S JURISDICTION.
9 GIVEN THE FACT THAT FAMILY NETWORKS ARE SPREAD ACROSS THE
10 COUNTRY, MANY THAT ORIGINATE OUTSIDE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
11 WILL ALSO BENEFIT FROM ACCESS TO L.A.P.D. CHILD REPORTS. THIS
12 CREATES IMPORTANT LINK BETWEEN PUBLIC SAFETY AND CHILD SAFETY
13 PERSONNEL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I HOPE THE COUNTY CONTINUES
14 TO ADD LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO THE LIST OF F.C.I. M.O.U.
15 AGENCIES AS WELL AS SUPPORTING CHANGES TO THE LAW AND
16 TECHNOLOGY TO MAKE REALTIME INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO SOCIAL
17 WORKERS IN THE FIELD. WHILE THIS NEW AGREEMENT IS CAUSE FOR
18 CELEBRATION, WE HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND THE LARGER PICTURE. ASIDE
19 FROM EXPANDING THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION THAT IS IN THE
20 F.C.I., WE MUST ALSO INSURE THAT AGENCIES ARE QUICK TO GIVE
21 THAT INFORMATION TO SOCIAL WORKERS. THE F.C.I. AGREEMENT
22 STATES THAT AGENCIES SHOULD RESPOND IMMEDIATELY, BUT IT ALSO
23 ALLOWS FOR UP TO THREE DAYS' WAIT BETWEEN THE TIME AN INQUIRY
24 COMES IN AND CALLS A SOCIAL WORKER BACK WITH THE NECESSARY
25 INFORMATION. I KNOW FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THAT RESPONSES



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1 ARE SELDOM IMMEDIATE AND AT TIMES DO NOT EVEN MEET THE
2 DEADLINE. THE F.C.I. IS ONLY AS USEFUL AS THE INFORMATION IN
3 THE SOCIAL WORKER'S HAND WHEN HE IS MAKING LIFE OR DEATH
4 DECISIONS ABOUT THE CHILD. A WORKER WITH AN IMMEDIATE REFERRAL
5 IS OFTEN RESPONDING WITHIN MINUTES. THEY NEED AN IMMEDIATE
6 RESPONSE NOT A RESPONSE THAT TAKES THREE DAYS OR LONGER.
7 SOLVING THIS PROBLEM WILL REQUIRE THE COUNTY TO TAKE A SERIOUS
8 LEVEL HOW WE CAN BETTER COMPEL THE STAFF F.C.I. M.O.U.
9 AGENCIES TO CONSISTENTLY PROVIDE A QUICK TURNAROUND ON F.C.I.
10 INQUIRIES. THIS MAY REQUIRE APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL STAFF TO
11 HAVE F.C.I. RESPONSE. BUT IF THIS IS WHAT SOCIAL WORKERS NEED
12 TO DO THEIR JOBS, IT IS ALSO WHAT THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY DESERVE TO KEEP THEM SAFE. AGAIN ON BEHALF OF MY FELLOW
14 SOCIAL WORKERS, I APPLAUD THE ADDITION OF THE L.A.P.D. TO THE
15 F.C.I. THANK YOU TO THE C.E.O., L.A.P.D., D.F.C.S. AND THE
16 BOARD FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. ROSS. ALL RIGHT, MR. SACHS,
19 I THINK YOU HEARD ALL THE NUMBERS, IF YOU NEED ME TO REPEAT
20 THEM, I'D BE HAPPY TO DO IT.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. MR. SACHS, I WONDER
23 VERY QUICKLY WILL THE PUBLIC GET ANY CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE
24 ITEMS YOU'RE CALLING? OR THIS IS GENERAL? I'M FIGURING THEY'D
25 HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S BEING TALKED ABOUT. SO LET'S JUST GO. ITEM



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1 2-D, YOU'RE RECOMMENDING \$1.7 MILLION. IS THAT FROM EACH OF
2 THE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS? OR IS THAT JUST A TOTAL? IF IT'S
3 A TOTAL. IT COMES TO LESS THAN WHAT WAS GOING TO BE SPENT ON
4 OFFICE RENOVATIONS BY ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS HERE. ITEM NO. 8
5 REFERS TO A REVIEW DATE OF THE AVIATION COMMISSION, WHICH I'M
6 ASSUMING YOU HAVE CONTROL OVER BECAUSE YOU AUTHORIZE THESE
7 COMMISSIONS. AND THIS REVIEW DATE CAN'T BE, LET'S SAY, RE-
8 VISITED BY THE COMMISSION. THEY CAN'T SAY "WELL I WANT TO
9 CHANGE THIS SUNSET DATE." BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE THE DATE THAT
10 THE COMMISSION ENDS ITS OPERATION. SO IT'S LIKE THE SUNSET
11 DATE OR UNLIKE THE SUNSET DATE THAT WAS CREATED WHEN THE STATE
12 PASSED THE BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, WHICH WAS
13 SUPPOSED TO SUNSET WHEN THE BLUE LINE MADE IT TO CLAREMONT.
14 BUT NOW THAT'S ALL CHANGED. SO I AM JUST GETTING A GENERAL
15 DEFINITION OF WHAT A SUNSET DATE WOULD BE. THE ITEM THIS
16 GENTLEMAN JUST SPOKE ON, THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH
17 THE L.A.P.D. FROM D.C.F.S., YOU HAD VARIOUS WORKERS FROM
18 D.C.F.S. COME UP HERE, AND ALSO IT'S BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT THE
19 FACT THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN STATES THAT DON'T ALLOW
20 INFORMATION TO BE SHARED AMONGST-- WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION.
21 AND WE'VE HAD WORKERS COME AND SAY THAT INFORMATION SHARING IS
22 NOT OF THE BEST, HIGHEST STANDARD AT D.C.F.S. AND SO YOU'RE
23 GOING TO HAVE INFORMATION SHARING WITH L.A.P.D., YET YOU'RE
24 GOING TO HAVE THE SAME STANDARDS YOU ALREADY HAVE AT THE
25 COUNTY. SO THAT IS LIKE SAYING INSTEAD OF MULTIPLYING ZERO



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1 TIMES 100, WE WILL MULTIPLY 0 TIMES 1,000 AND GET A BETTER
2 ANSWER. IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY. YOU HAVE NO. 14 AND 15, YOU
3 HAVE A MASTER AGREEMENT WITH ORACLE AMERICA, THE SUCCESSOR TO
4 ORACLE U.S.A., BUT ONLY WITH A MILLION DOLLAR INCREASE TO THE
5 CONTRACT. AND THEN ITEM 15 IS D.C.F.S. IMPROVEMENT IN THE
6 ORACLE DATABASES PROVIDED TO D.C.F.S. FOR ANOTHER HALF MILLION
7 DOLLARS. SO IT'S NOT A MILLION DOLLARS CONTRACT INCREASE. IT'S
8 A \$1.5 MILLION CONTRACT INCREASE. AND AGAIN BASED UPON THE
9 SAME FACTS THAT WE JUST TALKED ABOUT REGARDING INFORMATION
10 SHARING, HOW GOOD IS THIS DATA INFORMATION THAT'S GOING TO BE
11 CREATED? ITEM 16, ITEM 16 REFERS TO A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN. AND
12 MAYBE YOU COULD START WITH A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR THE
13 INCOMPETENCE AND THE DISTRUST AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS AMONG THE ELECTED. AND THEN ITEM 25 REFERS TO--
15 YOU'RE GOING TO DO WORK WITH A COMPANY FOR CHANNEL-- FOR FLOOD
16 CONTROL CHANNELS. AND THE REASON I BROUGHT THIS UP IS BECAUSE
17 THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE NEWSPAPER YESTERDAY REGARDING
18 CITIES IN THE SOUTH, SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY, AND THEY'RE
19 CREATING DRAIN COVERAGE, WHICH I APPROVE OF.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** FOR DEBRIS.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS?



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THE QUESTION IS--

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SACHS. ITEM 2-D, 2, 8, 12,

5 14, 15, 16, 25, 27 AND 42-B MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.

6 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,

7 SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE ONE MORE

8 DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM NO.? ITEM NO. 39. IF THEY'D COME UP AND

9 JOIN US, WE'LL PROVIDE THAT REPORT. AND THEN I'LL CALL ON MY

10 COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SPECIALS AND THEIR ADJOURNMENTS.

11

12 **SHEILA SHIMA:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, SHEILA

13 SHIMA, DEPUTY C.E.O. ITEM 39 ON TODAY'S AGENDA IS OUR STATUS

14 REPORT ON THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH L.A. CARE AND ON THE D.H.O.'S

15 AMBULATORY CARE RESTRUCTURING PLAN. AS YOU MAY RECALL ON APRIL

16 13TH OF THIS YEAR, YOUR BOARD APPROVED IN CONCEPT THE REPORT

17 AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES ON ITS

18 EVALUATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES' OFFICE OF

19 MANAGED CARE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN AND ITS READINESS FOR

20 PENDING HEALTH REFORM CHANGES. AT THAT TIME, YOUR BOARD

21 INSTRUCTED OUR OFFICE TO REPORT BACK AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED

22 BOARD MEETING WITH A STATUS REGARDING THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH

23 L.A. CARE. TODAY'S UPDATE IS THE SECOND OF THOSE REPORTS, AND

24 IT INCLUDES, AS MENTIONED, THE DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS OF THE

25 DEPARTMENT'S AMBULATORY CARE RESTRUCTURING PLAN. I'LL PROVIDE



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1 THE BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE L.A. CARE NEGOTIATIONS ON BEHALF OF
2 DR. SCHUNHOFF. AND THEN CAROL MEYER OF THE D.H.S. CHIEF OF
3 OPERATIONS, WILL PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE D.H.S. AMBULATORY
4 CARE RESTRUCTURING PLAN COMPONENTS AND A STATUS ON WHERE THE
5 DEPARTMENT IS IN DEVELOPING ITS MORE DETAILED PLAN. SO ON THE
6 L.A. CARE NEGOTIATIONS: THE COUNTY AND L.A. CARE
7 REPRESENTATIVES ARE CONDUCTING WEEKLY CONFERENCE CALLS TO
8 MONITOR OUR PROGRESS IN DISCUSSING FIVE MAIN AREAS OF OUR WORK
9 PLAN. AND THAT INCLUDES, DETERMINING THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT;
10 THAT IS, WHICH OF THE PRODUCT LINES CURRENTLY AT THE C.H.P.
11 WILL BE CONSIDERED PART OF THE NEGOTIATIONS; ALSO, THE
12 TRANSITION AND OPERATIONAL ISSUES IF WE WERE TO MOVE FORWARD
13 WITH A PROPOSAL TO YOUR BOARD; EMPLOYEE ISSUES, FINANCIAL
14 CONSIDERATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT. THE COUNTY AND
15 L.A. CARE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ALSO DEVELOPED GUIDING
16 PRINCIPLES FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WERE PROVIDED AS AN
17 ATTACHMENT TO OUR REPORT. THE D.H.S. AMBULATORY CARE RE-
18 STRUCTURING EFFORT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE L.A. CARE
19 NEGOTIATIONS SINCE THE CONFIGURATION OF THE TRANSFORMED COUNTY
20 HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM WILL NEED TO BE CONSIDERED IN OUR
21 RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOUR BOARD REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE
22 D.H.S. COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN AND THE POSSIBLE AGREEMENT WITH
23 L.A. CARE. AND CAROL WILL SPEAK TO THAT IN A LITTLE BIT. IN
24 ADDITION, AS CAROL WILL MENTION LATER, WE HAVE REQUESTED
25 CONSIDERATION FROM L.A. CARE FOR RESOURCES TO ADDRESS KEY



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1 ELEMENTS OF THE RE-STRUCTURING PLAN: A PROJECT MANAGEMENT TO
2 SUPPORT THE AMBULATORY CASE RESTRUCTURING. TECHNICAL
3 ASSISTANCE AND RETRAINING TO. AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
4 COMMUNICATIONS. THAT REQUEST IS CURRENTLY IN DISCUSSION WITH
5 L.A. CARE. WITH RESPECT TO THE FINANCIAL REVIEW, WHICH WAS
6 PART OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE H.M.A., ON AUGUST 16TH,
7 THE COUNTY ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MACIAS, GINI AND
8 O'CONNELL, AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT FIRM TO CONDUCT THE FINANCIAL
9 REVIEW OF THE D.H.S. C.H.P. THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE
10 FINANCIAL REVIEW WAS JOINTLY DEVELOPED BY THE COUNTY AND L.A.
11 CARE SINCE IT WILL BE A KEY COMPONENT OF THE UPCOMING
12 NEGOTIATIONS. THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER CONVENED AN ENTRANCE
13 CONFERENCE MEETING ON AUGUST THE 18TH BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES
14 OF BOTH THE COUNTY AND L.A. CARE TO REVIEW THE MAJOR
15 OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN THE SCOPE OF WORK AND TO IDENTIFY
16 CONTACTS PARTICIPATING IN THE ENGAGEMENT. WEEKLY STATUS
17 REPORTS ARE BEING PROVIDE TODAY MONITOR PROGRESS. AND WE JUST
18 RECENTLY RECEIVED THE DRAFT OF THE REPORT. IT IS CURRENTLY
19 BEING REVIEWED BY L.A. CARE AND THE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE. THE
20 FINAL REPORT--

21
22 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT DRAFT REPORT WAS THAT?

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24 **SHEILA SHIMA:** THIS IS ON THE FINANCIAL REVIEW OF C.H.P. AND
25 THE FINAL REPORT IS ACTUALLY DUE ON SEPTEMBER 30TH, FOLLOWING



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1 OUR BRIEF REVIEW OF THAT, WE WILL PROVIDE A COPY TO YOUR
2 BOARD. ANOTHER EFFORT INVOLVES DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR
3 STAKEHOLDER COMMUNITY EDUCATION, OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT,
4 BOTH DURING THIS NEGOTIATION PHASE AND AS NEEDED FOR FUTURE
5 IMPLEMENTATION, SHOULD THE PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP WITH L.A. CARE
6 BE RECOMMENDED TO AND APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD. IN ADDITION TO
7 YOUR BOARD AND THE L.A. CARE BOARD, OTHER STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDE
8 THE PROVIDER COMMUNITY, LABOR, ADVOCATES, PRIVATE FUNDING
9 ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS. OUR NEXT WRITTEN REPORT
10 ON THE L.A. CARE NEGOTIATINGS WILL BE PROVIDED IN OCTOBER WITH
11 THE NEXT PRESENTATION OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
12 PLANNED FOR THE END OF NOVEMBER. NOW I'LL TURN THE
13 PRESENTATION OVER TO CAROL ON THE AMBULATORY CARE
14 RESTRUCTURING COMPONENT.

15
16 **CAROL MEYER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. AS A RESULT OF
17 H.M.A.'S RECOMMENDATIONS EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT PUT
18 TOGETHER A STEERING COMMITTEE OF D.H.S. LEADERS TO DEVELOP A
19 WORK PLAN FOR THE D.H.S. RESTRUCTURING IN LIGHT OF HEALTHCARE
20 REFORM. I DO HAVE A HANDOUT THAT WAS PROVIDED TO YOUR OFFICES,
21 AND THERE ARE COPIES FOR THE PUBLIC, AS WELL. THE KEY VISION
22 THAT WE HAVE WITH THIS RE-STRUCTURING IS CERTAINLY WITH
23 EMPHASIS ON AMBULATORY HEALTHCARE. AND IT ASSURES THAT WE HAVE
24 PATIENT-CENTERED QUALITY CARE, ASSURES CAPACITY ADEQUACY,
25 INTEGRATES WITH THE INPATIENT SYSTEM, ASSURES THAT WE OPERATE



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1 EFFICIENTLY AND ACCOUNTABLE FOR COSTS AND SERVES AS THE
2 AMBULATORY CARE SYSTEM SERVES AS THE ENTRY POINT TO THE D.H.S.
3 DELIVERY SYSTEM, RATHER THAN THE EPISODIC CARE THAT OCCURS
4 VERY AN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND THE INPATIENT SERVICES.
5 SO WHAT MUST WE DO TO ACHIEVE THIS VISION. FIRST OF ALL, WE
6 NEED TO CREATE, EXPAND AND ELEVATE THE DIVISION OF AMBULATORY
7 AND MANAGED CARE SERVICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. WE MUST
8 CREATE MEDICAL HOMES FOR AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF OUR PATIENT
9 POPULATION. THESE MEDICAL HOMES WILL INCLUDE THE P.P.P.S WITH
10 MEDICAL HOMES THAT ARE BOTH PRIMARY CARE AS WELL AS
11 SPECIALIZED MEDICAL HOMES THAT INCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH, LIMITED
12 DISABILITY CARE AS WELL AS DRUG AND ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND
13 SERVICES. WE MUST ASSURE ACCESS TO SPECIALTY CARE, BUILD
14 CAPACITY FOR OUR OUTPATIENT DIAGNOSTIC AND ANCILLARY SERVICES
15 AND INTEGRATE A MANAGEMENT SERVICES ORGANIZATION WHICH IS
16 BASICALLY THE MANAGED CARE FUNCTIONS OVER ALL OF OUR SERVICES.
17 MANY OF THE COMPONENTS NEED TO BE DEVELOPED OUT. AND THAT WILL
18 BE THE GO-FORWARD STEPS. THIS NEEDS TO INCLUDE DEFINING THE
19 CENTRAL LEADERSHIP, DEVELOPING I.T. SUPPORT, DOING STAFF
20 ANALYSIS AND STAFFING MODELS FOR OUR AMBULATORY CARE SYSTEM,
21 DEVELOPING A COMMUNICATIONS PLAN, NOT ONLY INTERNALLY BUT ALSO
22 EXTERNALLY. AND CERTAINLY TO OUR PATIENTS. DEVELOPING NEW
23 RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR P.P.P.S AND THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS.
24 PROVIDING MEDICAL HOME TRAINING TO ALL OF OUR STAFF THAT WILL
25 BE IN THE MEDICAL HOMES, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PHASE



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1 ONE MEDICAL HOME, WHICH WILL START IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS
2 AND MONTHS IN SIX SITES. AND THEN TO INTEGRATE MANAGED CARE--
3 A MANAGED CARE UMBRELLA OVER ALL OF THE DELIVERY SYSTEM.
4 FINALLY, AS SHEILA INDICATED, WE ARE WORKING VERY CAREFULLY
5 WITH L.A. CARE TO OBTAIN SOME RESOURCES TO HELP US BEGIN THESE
6 PROCESSES. AS YOU KNOW, WE MUST COORDINATE ALL OF THESE
7 EFFORTS WITH THOSE THAT ARE RELATED TO THE 1115 WAIVER TO
8 ENSURE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE 1115 WAIVER
9 MILESTONES AND HEALTHCARE REFORM OBJECTIVES. AND I WOULD SAY
10 THAT D.H.S. IS READY TO TAKE THIS WORK PLAN AND START
11 IMPLEMENTING THE PROCESSES THAT WE NEED TO IMPLEMENT IN ORDER
12 TO TRANSITION TO HEALTH CARE REFORM IN 2014. I'LL BE HAPPY TO
13 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS, MADAME CHAIR? I HAVE ONE
16 QUESTION, BUT YOU'VE GENERATED ANOTHER QUESTION, CAROL. YOU
17 INDICATED THAT YOU ARE GOING TO START IN HERE IN THE NEXT WEEK
18 OR TWO OR THREE. ARE WE GOING TO DO THIS WITHOUT THE
19 NEGOTIATIONS BEING COMPLETED WITH L.A. CARE?

20

21 **SHEILA SHIMA:** IT'S ACTUALLY LINKED HERE. PART OF WHAT WE NEED
22 TO DO IN ORDER TO GUIDE OUR NEGOTIATIONS IS TO REALLY HAVE AN
23 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE SYSTEM IS THAT WE ENVISION. BECAUSE
24 WHAT WE'LL WANT TO BE SURE IS THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH L.A.
25 CARE, IF WE'RE GOING TO PROPOSE THAT TO YOUR BOARD, THAT IT



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1 HELPS US MOVE FORWARD WITH THE TRANSFORMED D.H.S. SYSTEM THAT
2 THE DEPARTMENT ENVISIONS, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT
3 SUPPORTS THAT.

4

5 **CAROL MEYER:** AND REGARDLESS OF ANYTHING, WE NEED TO DEVELOP
6 MEDICAL HOMES.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT IT'S A RATHER DAUNTING TASK
9 BECAUSE MY UNDERSTANDING IS YOU WILL DO THIS FOR APPROXIMATELY
10 400,000 PATIENTS, IS THAT CORRECT?

11

12 **CAROL MEYER:** THAT'S THE ULTIMATE VISION. WE HAVE TO START WITH
13 SIX LOCATIONS. AND WE'RE GOING TO ROLL IT OUT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** I KNOW WHAT YOU WILL START WITH. BUT AT THE END OF
16 THE DAY, YOU'RE LOOKING AT 400,000 FOLKS. AND I WOULD JUST,
17 YOU KNOW, SORT OF LIKE TO BE KEPT IN THE LOOP SOMEHOW BECAUSE
18 I SIT ON THE L.A. CARE BOARD, AS WELL, TOO. SO I'D SORT OF
19 LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOU ALL ARE DOING. THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR?

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** UH-HUH, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I'VE BEEN BOTHERED BY ONE ELEMENT OF
2 THIS. L.A. CARE HAS A STAKE IN THE OUTCOME OF ALL OF THESE
3 NEGOTIATIONS, DON'T THEY?

4

5 **SHEILA SHIMA:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** L.A. CARE HAS A STAKE IN THE OUTCOME OF
8 THESE NEGOTIATIONS?

9

10 **SHEILA SHIMA:** YES. IN TERMS OF NEGOTIATIONS THAT WE HAVE WITH
11 THEM, IS THAT CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IS IT APPROPRIATE FOR L.A. CARE TO PAY
14 FOR THIS EFFORT? I'M READING FROM THE C.A.O.'S REPORT, THE
15 SEPTEMBER 10TH REPORT ON PAGE 2, THE SECOND PARAGRAPH WHERE IT
16 SAYS "MOST RECENTLY AS PART OF ITS UPDATE AND CONSISTENT WITH
17 THESE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE H.M.A. REPORT, C.E.O. HAS
18 REQUESTED THAT L.A. CARE CONSIDER PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR
19 SEVERAL KEY ELEMENTS OF THE RESTRUCTURING PLAN." HOW MUCH
20 MONEY DID YOU ASK THEM FOR OUT OF CURIOSITY?

21

22 **SHEILA SHIMA:** WE DON'T HAVE ESTIMATES RIGHT NOW. WE'RE STILL
23 DISCUSSING THAT WITH THEM IN TERMS OF WHAT RESOURCES WE MIGHT
24 HAVE AVAILABLE. WE DON'T HAVE ANY QUOTES YET FROM THEM.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA ROUGHLY HOW MUCH WE'RE
2 TALKING ABOUT? HALF A MILLION DOLLARS, \$5 MILLION?

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4 **SHEILA SHIMA:** IT WOULD BE LESS THAN THAT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LESS THAN WHAT?

7

8 **SHEILA SHIMA:** LESS THAN A HALF MILLION DOLLARS IS OUR INITIAL
9 THOUGHT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY WOULD WE ASK THEM FOR MONEY? I MEAN IT'S
12 ALMOST LIKE THEY'RE PAYING FOR THE RESULT. IF THE PERCEPTION
13 IS WORSE THAN THE REALITY.

14

15 **SHEILA SHIMA:** THEN MAYBE WE NEED TO CLARIFY THE SPECIFIC
16 NEGOTIATIONS WITH L.A. CARE AND THE COMPONENTS THAT WE'RE
17 TALKING TO THEM ABOUT WOULD BE THE ROLE THAT THEY PLAY AS THE
18 MANAGED CARE PLAN, AND MANAGED CARE RESOURCES. WHAT WE ARE
19 HOPING AS PART OF THEIR LARGER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNTY IN
20 SUPPORTING THE SAFETY NET, WE ARE LOOKING TO THEM TO PROVIDE
21 THE RESOURCES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES SO THAT
22 THE TRANSFORMATION OF THEIR SYSTEM, WHICH AGAIN IN TERMS OF
23 OUR NEGOTIATION WITH THEM, WE'D WANT TO KNOW ABOUT WHERE WE'RE
24 GOING, BUT SPECIFICALLY WITH RESPECT TO L.A. CARE THEY WOULD
25 NOT BENEFIT DIRECTLY.



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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I UNDERSTAND. BUT I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO
GET ACROSS IS WHILE WE'RE NEGOTIATING ON THIS, TO BE ASKING
THEM FOR MONEY AT ALL WHILE THEY'RE TRYING TO GET ENTRENCHED
IN OUR BUSINESS, THAT MAY BE THE RIGHT OUTCOME. I'M NOT
PREJUDGING THAT. IT JUST DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT. AND I WOULD
REALLY SUGGEST THAT ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU LOOK AT HALF OF A
MILLION DOLLARS, THAT YOU CEASE ASKING THEM FOR ANY MONEY FOR
THIS EXERCISE UNTIL THIS EXERCISE IS DONE, TAKE IT OUT OF YOUR
DISCRETIONARY, WHATEVER YOU HAVE FOR THESE KINDS OF CONTRACTS.
AND THEN AFTER THIS IS ALL DONE, AND EVERYTHING IS SETTLED,
THEN YOU CAN RESUME YOUR--

13

SUP. KNABE: I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR RATIONALE. BECAUSE TO BE A
PARTNERSHIP TO ASSIST THESE FOLKS?

16

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: I KNOW.

18

SUP. KNABE: I HAVE NO UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE PROBLEM IS.

20

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: IT'S A PERCEPTION, DON. I THINK IT COULD BE
VIEWED THAT THEY ARE BEING-- WE'RE ASKING THEM FOR MONEY AT A
TIME WHEN THEY'RE TRYING TO NEGOTIATE A DEAL WITH US. AND EVEN
IF THE MONEY IS NOT FOR THE DEAL ITSELF, IT'S JUST-- I THINK
IT'S AN UNHEALTHY PERCEPTION. AND I THINK IT'S CLEANER IF YOU



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1 JUST SEPARATE THAT FOR THE TIME BEING, WORK THIS THING OUT,
2 FINISH THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND THEN RESUME. I'M NOT SAYING IF
3 YOU HAVE A MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL ISSUE, THEY ARE
4 CONTRIBUTING MONEY TO THAT EFFORT. THEY CONTRIBUTED TO OTHER
5 MONEY IN OTHER EFFORTS AROUND THE COUNTY, BUT FOR THIS FOCUSED
6 EXERCISE, OR RELATED THINGS TO THIS EXERCISE, I THINK IT'S
7 BEST TO KEEP-- HOW LONG IS THIS GOING TO TAKE?

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9 **SHEILA SHIMA:** WE ANTICIPATE THE BALANCE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS
10 WE'RE HOPING TO CONCLUDE OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WE'RE TALKING OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** KEEP IN MIND, WE ASKED. THEY DIDN'T ASK US.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT BLAMING THEM. I'M NOT BLAMING
17 ANYBODY. I KNOW WE ASKED: IT'S NEVER COME UP BEFORE. I THINK
18 EVERYBODY KIND OF SEES IT AS NOT A BIG DEAL IF WE DON'T DO IT.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, MADAME CHAIR, IF I MAY, IT'S NOT
21 SIMPLY A QUESTION OF A TRANSACTION BETWEEN L.A. CARE AND THE
22 COUNTY, AS SUCH. IT IS WHAT THE TRANSACTION IS TIED TO, NAMELY
23 AN AUDIT THAT COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT L.A. CARE. AND WHAT WE
24 WANT IS AN OBJECTIVE AND INDEPENDENT LOOK. ONE OF THE
25 QUESTIONS OF INDEPENDENCE IS RELATED TO WHO PAYS, WHO FUNDS,



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1 WHO BUYS. AND IF THE ENTITY THAT IS POTENTIALLY TO BENEFIT IS
2 A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE AUDIT, IT DOES RAISE QUESTIONS,
3 PARTICULARLY BY THOSE WHO WOULD BE COMPETING ENTITIES. IN
4 OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE VULNERABLE TO THE CRITICISM THAT THE DICE
5 WERE LOADED, THE DECK WAS STACKED. AND SO IT WAS ONE OF THE
6 QUESTIONS THAT I WANTED TO RAISE. THIS IS NOT TO IMPUGN
7 ANYONE'S MOTIVES. IT'S ESSENTIALLY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WALK
8 AWAY BEING ABLE TO SAY "NO, THIS IS IN ORDER. AND IT WASN'T
9 BIASED OR POLLUTED BY RESOURCES THAT OTHERWISE PROBABLY
10 SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN IN PLAY."

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12 **SHEILA SHIMA:** AND IF I COULD SPEAK SPECIFICALLY TO THE ISSUE
13 OF THE FINANCIAL REVIEW. THAT WAS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE
14 DISCUSSED, AND WE FELT, ACTUALLY FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, AND
15 CERTAINLY DIFFERED WITH THE BOARD ON THIS, BUT FROM OUR
16 PERSPECTIVE, WE THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR BOTH PARTIES TO
17 ACTUALLY SHARE IN THE COULD SAY, REALLY, OF THE COST, REALLY,
18 OF THAT FINANCIAL REVIEW, SINCE IT WOULD BE THE BASIS OF
19 TALKING ABOUT NUMBERS. WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT BOTH SIDES,
20 L.A. CARE AND THE COUNTY FELT THAT THEY HAD WORKED TOGETHER IN
21 DEVELOPING A SCOPE OF WORK, THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE VIEWED AS
22 BEING TRULY OBJECTIVE. AND THAT WE BOTH HAD THE ABILITY TO
23 WEIGH IN ON THAT ASPECT OF IT. SO I THINK IN TERMS OF THE
24 AUDIT SPECIFICALLY WE FELT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO SHARE.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S FAIR. BUT THAT'S IF IT'S
2 PREDETERMINED WHAT THE NATURE OF THE PARTNERSHIP IS. BUT IF
3 THE PARTNERSHIP IS YET TO BE DETERMINED, THEN IT SEEMS TO ME
4 THAT THE ORDER IN WHICH THE PARTNERSHIP IS CONSUMMATED MAKES A
5 BIG DIFFERENCE. DO YOU FOLLOW WHAT I'M SAYING?

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7 **SHEILA SHIMA:** I DO. AND I THINK IN TERMS OF THE-- WE WERE
8 AGAIN LOOKING AT IT VERY NARROWLY IN TERMS OF THE FINANCIAL
9 REVIEW, SINCE IT WOULD BE THE BASIS FOR SOME NUMBERS THAT WE
10 WANT TO BE SURE WE AGREED ON. SPECIFIC TO SUPERVISOR
11 YAROSLAVSKY'S ISSUE, I DO UNDERSTAND THAT IN TERMS OF LAYING
12 OUT THE RELATIONSHIP FOR THE FUTURE IN TERMS OF THE
13 NEGOTIATIONS. AND WE ARE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CALIFORNIA
14 ENDOWMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR FINANCING FOR THE TRANSFORMATION
15 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. SO WE'LL PURSUE SOME OF
16 THE RESOURCES THAT WE WERE TALKING TO L.A. CARE ABOUT. WE CAN
17 LOOK AT THAT WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME JUST SAY WHOSE AUDIT IS IT IS THE
20 SHARPER WAY TO POSE THE QUESTION? IS IT L.A. CARE AND THE
21 COUNTY'S AUDIT?

22

23 **SHEILA SHIMA:** YES.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IF THAT IS THE CASE, BASED UPON A
2 PARTNERSHIP THAT'S ALREADY IN PLACE RATHER THAN WHAT IS
3 PROSPECTIVE, THAT SEEMS TO ME TO BE QUITE MATERIAL. SO IS THE
4 PARTNERSHIP LOCKED IN ALREADY? AND WE'RE PROCEEDING ON THE
5 BASIS?

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7 **SHEILA SHIMA:** NO.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S MY POINT. THAT'S WHAT MAKES THE
10 DIFFERENCE, I THINK.

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT I GUESS I THOUGHT IT WAS A MUCH MORE POSITIVE
13 DEAL. C.H.P. HAS BEEN AN ABSOLUTE FAILURE IN ACCESSING THESE
14 CASES ON THE CHILDREN. AND I THOUGHT THAT WE WERE PROCEEDING
15 ON THE BASIS OF A POSITIVE PARTNERSHIP.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHERE EVERYBODY IS COMING
20 FROM.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL SPEAK FOR MYSELF. I'M NOT SAYING THAT
23 L.A. CARE WAS NOT COMING AT IT IN A POSITIVE PARTNERSHIP
24 SPIRIT. THIS IS NOT THEIR FAULT. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. YOU'RE
25 TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW THE PAY FOR THINGS. IT'S NOBODY'S



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1 FAULT. IT'S JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT HAVE COME UP. I JUST
2 THINK FOR THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AND FOR WHAT
3 THE STAKES ARE GOING FORWARD, THAT THIS LITTLE IRRITANT SHOULD
4 JUST BE ELIMINATED. IT'S NOT A KNOCK ON L.A. CARE AT ALL. ON
5 THE CONTRARY, L.A. CARE HAS BEEN A PARTNER TO US IN A VARIETY
6 OF WAYS. AND I'M SURE THAT'S GOING TO CONTINUE. BUT IN THIS
7 PARTICULAR ISSUE AND HOW THIS IS GOING TO END UP, I THINK
8 YOU'RE BETTER OFF IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION
9 SEVERAL MONTHS FROM NOW TO HAVE L.A. CARE TAKE OVER C.H.P., IT
10 IS BETTER THEY DO IT WITHOUT ANYBODY SAYING "WELL THEY PAID
11 FOR THE DAMN STUDY OR THEY PAID FOR THIS, NO WONDER THEY GOT
12 THE OUTCOME THEY GOT." I THINK IT JUST PROTECTS THEM MORE
13 THAN-- THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING. SO I WON'T MAKE A FORMAL
14 AMENDMENT, BUT I GATHER FROM THE BODY LANGUAGE THAT YOU'LL
15 TAKE CARE OF THAT.

16

17 **SHEILA SHIMA:** RIGHT, WE WILL. IN TERMS OF THE FINANCIAL REVIEW
18 ITSELF, THE BILLING HAS NOT OCCURRED SINCE THE REPORT'S NOT
19 FINAL. WHAT I'M HEARING AS INPUT FROM THE BOARD IS IT WOULD BE
20 A COST THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD GO AHEAD AND PICK UP. AND THEN
21 IN TERMS OF THE RESOURCES AT LEAST DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS, WE
22 WILL LOOK FOR OTHER FUNDING STREAMS. AND WE'LL STILL PURSUE,
23 BECAUSE THIS IS PART OF THE H.M.A. RECOMMENDATION, AS WELL,
24 DISCUSSION WITH L.A. CARE ABOUT RESOURCES.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** L.A. CARE WILL BE THERE WHEN YOU'RE DONE
2 WITH ALL THIS, TOO. THEY'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I UNDERSTAND. BUT THE PURPOSE OF THEM PAYING--
5 ZEV, YOU KNOW, YOU BROUGHT THE ISSUE UP, LET'S FINISH IT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** THE POINT IS THEY NEED TO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE
10 GETTING INTO, AS WELL. OKAY?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I AGREE.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S NOT JUST A GIMME.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I AGREE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** WHETHER THEY PAY OR WE PAY, EITHER WAY, THEY NEED
19 TO KNOW WE'VE HAD ISSUES THERE. AND THIS IS NOT A SLAM DUNK
20 THAT YOU HAVE L.A. CARE BOARD MEMBERS WHO WANT TO TAKE THIS
21 OVER. THERE IS A LOT OF DISCUSSION ON WHETHER IT'S GOOD OR
22 BAD. AND THE REASON FOR THEM WILLING TO PAY FOR IT IS THEY
23 WANT TO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE GETTING.

24



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE ALSO HAVE A HIGHLY QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT
2 FIRM OUTSIDE OF BOTH OUR ENTITIES CONDUCTING THIS REVIEW. I
3 THINK THAT'S "THE" MOST IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT THIS COMPANY
4 WILL NOT BE INFLUENCED BY EITHER ONE OF US.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT.

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8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THEY'LL STAND UP AND GIVE US THE TRUTH.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** FIRST OF ALL, I THINK THAT THIS IS ONE OF
11 THE STEPS OF MANY WHICH WE ARE GOING TO BE TAKING WITH REGARD
12 TO HEALTHCARE REFORM. AND THERE IS NO DOUBT-- RIGHT NOW WE
13 ALSO HAVE THE H.M.A. CONSULTANTS LOOKING AT THE WHOLE MANAGED
14 CARE, C.H.P. SYSTEM AS TO HOW IT'S GOING TO LOOK FROM OUR
15 POINT OF VIEW. YOU'RE RIGHT, DON. I MEAN L.A. CARE MIGHT SAY
16 "THANK YOU BUT NO THANKS." WE'RE NOT SURE YET. THEY'RE IN
17 NEGOTIATINGS. THEY'RE DISCUSSING ALL ASPECTS, THE TRANSITION,
18 THE SCOPE OF HOW EXPANSIVE IT MIGHT BE AND SO ON. AND I DO
19 KNOW THAT THERE IS SOME WORK THAT IS GOING ON WITHIN THE
20 C.E.O.'S OFFICE WITH REGARD TO OTHER ISSUES OF HEALTH CARE
21 REFORM. I WANTED TO BRING IN A MOTION BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WE'RE
22 NOT SURE YET, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW THE DETAILS OF HEALTHCARE
23 REFORM. BUT WE DO KNOW SOME VERY CLEAR ISSUES. OUR SYSTEM MUST
24 TRANSITION. IT MUST BEGIN TO BECOME A DIFFERENT SET OF
25 HOSPITALS, CLINICS AND A WHOLE SYSTEM OF CARE THAT IS GOING TO



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1 REQUIRE US TO THINK A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY. WE AREN'T JUST GOING
2 TO BE THE PLACE WHERE EVERYBODY JUST COMES. THEY'RE GOING TO
3 HAVE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THEM. ALL OF THE PROFIT, NONPROFIT
4 SECTOR IS GOING TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS ASPECT OF TRYING TO
5 BRING THE PATIENTS WITH INSURANCE TO THEIR FACILITY FOR
6 PATIENT CARE. WE, ON THE OTHER HAND, MAY BE STUCK WITH THE
7 WHOLE LITANY OF UNREIMBURSED CARE. SO WE NEED TO LOOK AT OUR
8 SYSTEM, WHAT KIND OF A MODEL COULD IT BE TO START LOOKING AT
9 THE ISSUES? WE FOR THE LONGEST TIME HAVE BEEN RUNNING A SYSTEM
10 THAT DEALS WITH A GREAT DEAL OF UNREIMBURSED CARE, BUT WE HAVE
11 BEEN LOOKING TO REIMBURSEMENT AS A MECHANISM TO SUSTAIN THE
12 UNREIMBURSED CARE. WELL, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOME THINGS
13 THAT WILL BE FAIRLY DRAMATIC IN CHANGING OUR SYSTEM. BUT ONE
14 OF THE THINGS WE NEED TO START DOING NOW IS LOOKING AT ALMOST-
15 - AND I DON'T SAY THE WORD AUDIT, BUT HAVE TO BE SO CAREFUL
16 THAT MEANS SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS-- BUT EVALUATING EACH OF
17 OUR SYSTEMS, EACH OF OUR COMPONENTS AS TO HOW THEY'RE GOING TO
18 PLAY OR INTERPLAY INTO THE WHOLE ISSUE OF HEALTHCARE REFORM.
19 FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN WE-- AND WHEN MEDI-CAL RULES WERE CHANGED TO
20 COVER DELIVERY, RIGHT? AND THAT WAS A DRAMATIC CHANGE. MANY,
21 MANY OF THE PROFITS AND NONPROFITS GOT INVOLVED AND BECAME A
22 VERY ATTRACTIVE MODEL TO BRING EXPECTANT MOMS INTO THEIR
23 FACILITIES BECAUSE WITH THEM CAME MONEY. WHEN WE WERE DEALING
24 WITH THEM, IT WAS USUALLY UNREIMBURSED CARE AND WE WERE
25 DELIVERING THOSE CHILDREN. SO WE NEED TO START TRANSITIONING



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1 OUR SYSTEM FOR HEALTHCARE REFORM. SO I'VE PUT TOGETHER A
2 MOTION TO TAKE A STEP THAT'S A LITTLE BOLDER THAN WHAT WE'VE
3 DONE UP TO NOW. AND THAT IS TO GET THE DEPARTMENT TO START
4 THINKING ALMOST IN ISOLATION OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO UNDERTAKE
5 THAT RESPONSIBILITY. I'VE BEEN READING IN THE L.A. TIMES THE
6 WHOLE ISSUE WITH ATLANTA WITH GRADY HOSPITAL AND WHAT'S GOING
7 ON THERE. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GET THERE AND FIND OUT "OH NO,
8 WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET REIMBURSED FOR THIS." WE NEED TO START
9 LOOKING AT POTENTIALLY THOSE AREAS WHERE THERE MAY NOT BE A
10 REIMBURSEMENT BUT WHERE THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE
11 REIMBURSEMENT. SO I'M ASKING AND I PUT TOGETHER THIS MOTION.
12 YOU HAVE IT BEFORE YOU. BUT BASICALLY IT SAYS THAT THE C.E.O.,
13 IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,
14 ESTABLISH A TEAM OF EXPERTS, INCLUDING HEALTH BUSINESS
15 PROFESSIONALS, TO EVALUATE OUR EXISTING SYSTEM AND PROVIDE US
16 A, QUOTE, "BUSINESS PLAN." THIS DOESN'T MEAN-- WHAT COULD IT
17 BE, TYPE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WHICH SERVICES, SPECIALTY AND
18 OTHERWISE, ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE SELF-SUSTAINING, COMPETITIVE
19 AND PROFITABLE UNDER HEALTHCARE REFORM; TO PROVIDE
20 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOW WE CAN BEST STRENGTHEN AND YOU UTILIZE
21 THOSE SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE VIABILITY OF OUR HEALTH CARE
22 SYSTEM AS A WHOLE.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** I'LL SECOND.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BASICALLY, THANK YOU. FOR HOW ARE WE GOING
2 TO SUSTAIN THIS SYSTEM? WE ARE GOING TO GET ALL OF THE
3 PATIENTS THAT ARE COMING WITH UNREIMBURSABLE CARE THAT THEY'RE
4 GOING TO NEED, HOW ARE WE GOING TO SUSTAIN IT? THERE'S GOING
5 TO BE VARIOUS OPTIONS. AND WE CERTAINLY ARE GOING TO LOOK TO
6 CONGRESS AND TO THE PRESIDENCY AND OTHERS TO LOOK AT THE
7 OPTIONS OF HOW WE SUSTAIN OURSELVES. WE'RE COUNTY HOSPITALS,
8 COUNTY CLINICS. BUT WHAT'S THE TRANSITION GOING TO BE LIKE?
9 AND SO THERE ARE A LOT OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS. AND THE
10 DEPARTMENT HAS SO MUCH WORK TO DO RIGHT NOW. BUT HOPEFULLY THE
11 DEPARTMENT CAN GET INVOLVED IN THIS PART OF PLANNING. BUT WE
12 NEED TO BRING IN OUTSIDE EXPERTS, AS WELL, TO START LOOKING AT
13 THE KIND OF REFORMS WE NEED TO START MAKING, LOOKING AND
14 PUTTING INTO PLACE. AND SO EVERY SINGLE STEP THAT WE TAKE,
15 INCLUDING THE L.A. CARE MODEL, IS A STEP IN TRYING TO
16 RECOGNIZE WHAT'S COMING DOWN THE LINE IN HEALTH CARE REFORM?
17 AND YOU'RE RIGHT, AT THE END OF THE DAY, L.A. HEALTH CARE WILL
18 SAY WAIT A MINUTE, THIS IS NOT VERY PROFITABLE FOR US. WE'RE
19 NOT GOING TO TAKE EVERYONE. AND WE HAVE CERTAIN CONDITIONS
20 THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE KNOW
21 THAT AS L.A. COUNTY, WE'VE BEEN FAIRLY GENEROUS IN OUR
22 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, BUT I THINK THAT MOST OF US HERE WANT TO
23 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THAT SAFETY NET. BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO DO
24 IT, WE NEED TO DEAL WITH THE REALITY OF WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT.
25 AND SO THIS IS ASKING FOR A SPECIAL TEAM THAT WOULD OPERATE,



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1 THAT WOULD LOOK AT ALL ASPECTS OF THIS. AND I DON'T SAY THE
2 WORD AUDIT BUT EVALUATION. HOW DOES THIS WORK? WHAT WOULD
3 WORK? FOR EXAMPLE, THE BURN CENTER IS ONE PERFECT EXAMPLE. A
4 VERY EXPENSIVE MODEL. A VERY SIGNIFICANT MODEL. BUT IT ALSO
5 PROVIDES THE BEST CARE WE WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO ATTRACT
6 REIMBURSED CARE FOR MANY OF THE BURN PATIENTS AND THINGS OF
7 THAT SORT WE'VE DONE UP TO NOW. AND SO THERE'S A WAY YOU CAN
8 DO THAT. AND IF YOU DID THAT, HOW MUCH COULD IT SUSTAIN IN THE
9 OTHER AREAS? SO IT'S ALMOST LOOKING AT THEM IN ISOLATION. SO
10 THAT IS MY MOTION TO LOOK AT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND. THERE'S NO QUESTION UNDER HEALTHCARE
13 REFORMER WITH GOING TO BECOME A COMPETITOR. AND WE'RE GOING TO
14 NEED A CULTURAL CHANGE AS IT LOOKS TO OUR OPERATION, WHETHER
15 IT BE THE BURN WARD, REHAB LIKE AT RANCHO WHERE WE HAVE
16 OPPORTUNITIES.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** EXACTLY.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO AN ATTRACT THE PAYING
21 CUSTOMER. IT'S GREAT THAT THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM MAY BE
22 EXPANDED TO COVER A LOT OF FOLKS, BUT ONCE THEY HAVE CHOICES,
23 THE FRAMEWORK HAS TO BE IN PLACE THAT WE ARE A PROPER
24 COMPETITOR WHERE FOLKS WANT TO GO AND WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO
25 PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES. BECAUSE THERE'S NO QUESTION WE'RE



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1 GOING TO WIND UP THE SAFETY NET. THAT'S ALL GOING TO BE PART
2 OF IT BUT WE ALSO NEED TO BE ON THE OTHER SIDE TO BE THE
3 COMPETITOR THAT WE NEED TO BE.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. AND TO KNOW HOW'S IT GOING TO
6 BE SUSTAINED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME? SO THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF
7 ISSUES THAT I THINK WE NEED TO REALLY START LOOKING AT. THIS
8 IS ONE PORTION OF IT. I KNOW THE C.E.O.'S BEEN DOING SOME
9 WORK. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN DOING SOME WORK. BUT THIS IS
10 KIND OF A LARGER GROUP. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE. BUT HOPEFULLY
11 EXPERTS THAT CAN LOOK AT THAT AND SEE WHAT EACH OF THESE UNITS
12 MEAN AND HOW IT WOULD FUNCTION AND OPERATE. AND COMPETE.
13 ANYWAY--

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I MAKE CLARIFICATION? ABSOLUTELY. I
16 THINK MR. KNABE HAD A GOOD POINT ON THE AUDIT PIECE. SO WHAT I
17 WAS REALLY-- I WASN'T DRIVING SO MUCH THE AUDIT PIECE AS I WAS
18 AT THE OTHER, AT THE PART THAT I QUOTED FROM IN YOUR REPORT.
19 SO DISREGARD IF YOU INTERPRETED WHAT I SAID ABOUT THE AUDIT
20 PIECE. I THINK THAT'S A FAIR STATEMENT. THAT THEY'RE BOTH-- WE
21 AND L.A. CARE ARE COMING TOGETHER TO THE TABLE. THEY HAVE A
22 RIGHT TO HAVE A COPY OF THIS BUILDING EXERCISE AND PAY FOR IT.
23 BUT IT'S THIS OTHER THING THAT I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT.

24

25 **SHEILA SHIMA:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THIS THE SPEAKER FOR THIS?
3 OKAY. WE DO HAVE ONE SPEAKER. LAURA EWING? IF YOU'D JOIN US,
4 PLEASE?

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6 **LAURA EWING:** GOOD AFTERNOON, LAURA EWING FROM COMMUNITY HEALTH
7 COUNCIL, ALSO REPRESENTING SOUTH CALIFORNIA HEALTHCARE
8 LEADERSHIP ROUND TABLE. WE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING WITH
9 MISS SHIMA AND MISS MEYER AT OUR COALITION MEETING AND BEEN
10 ABLE TO DISCUSS THE COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO THE H.M.A. REPORT. WE
11 APPLAUD AND SUPPORT D.H.S.'S EFFORT TO RESTRUCTURE ITSELF INTO
12 AN ORGANIZED DELIVERY SYSTEM TOWARDS BECOMING A PROVIDER OF
13 CHOICE FOR PATIENTS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME KEEPING ITS ROLE
14 WITHIN THE HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET. THIS REPORT, HOWEVER, IS
15 PREDICATED UPON THE EXPECTATION THAT THE COUNTY DEMONSTRATE
16 THEIR ABILITY TO ESTABLISH A ROBUST AND INTEGRATED SYSTEM WITH
17 A COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK OF PROVIDERS, PATIENT PROTECTIONS AND
18 COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION AND MEMBER SERVICE FUNCTION
19 THAT CAN FULLY MEET THE OVERWHELMING NEEDS OF THE POPULATION.
20 WE'RE GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER THE
21 C.H.P. TO L.A. CARE AND THINK THAT THIS TRANSITION COULD BRING
22 STRENGTH TO THE C.H.P. AND ITS MEMBERS. THE SEAMLESSNESS OF
23 THIS TRANSFER, HOWEVER, IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US, AS IS
24 THE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THOSE ELEMENTS OF C.H.P.
25 THAT ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WELL FOR PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS.



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1 CONSIDERATION AND MORE DETAIL MUST BE GIVEN TO THE FINDING THE
2 FINANCIAL STRUCTURE AND POLICIES ENTERING THE PLAN
3 ADMINISTRATOR IN CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITY PROVIDERS.
4 ADDITIONALLY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE COUNTY ARTICULATE THE
5 PROTECTIONS THAT IT WILL TAKE-- THAT IT WILL PUT IN PLACE TO
6 PRESERVE CONSUMER RIGHT FOR BOTH-- FROM BOTH THE PERSPECTIVE
7 OF MANAGED CARE PATIENTS' RIGHTS TO CHOOSE AND SAFEGUARDS TO
8 PREVENT THE DISENFRANCHISEMENT OR CROWDING OUT OF THE
9 UNINSURED. WE ASK THAT PRIOR TO ANY REASSIGNMENT OF CURRENT
10 PATIENTS OR ENROLLMENT OF NEW PAIENTS, D.H.S. AND L.A. CARE
11 ENSURE THAT ENROLLEES RECEIVE ADEQUATE NOTICE IN A TIMELY
12 MANNER OF ANY CHANGES IN WHO, WHERE AND HOW THEY RECEIVE
13 SERVICES. IN REGARDS TO RE-STRUCTURING OF AMBULATORY CARE
14 SERVICES, WE'RE CONCERNED BY THE SHORT TIMELINE FOR THE
15 ROLLOUT OF THE NEW SYSTEM. THE WE RECOMMEND THE COUNTY BEGIN
16 BY DEVELOPING AN INTERNAL STRUCTURE, PROTOCOLS AND CAPACITIES
17 BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO FULLY INTEGRATE THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS.
18 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDICAL HOMES SHOULD BE DESIGNED AND
19 IMPLEMENTED IN A FASHION AND SCALE TO TRULY LINK AND
20 COORDINATE THE COORDINATION OF A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES THAT
21 COMPRISE THIS SYSTEM. WE ASK THAT IN ADDITION TO THE ONE-YEAR
22 WORK PLAN PROVIDED IN THE SEPTEMBER 10 REPORT, A CONCRETE AND
23 LONG-TERM TIMELINE WITH PHASES OF ROLLOUT BE DEVELOPED AND
24 VETTED THROUGH D.H.S., L.A. CARE PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITIES AS
25 FAR AS ANY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN. AND LASTLY WE ARE



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1 ENCOURAGED BUY D.H.S.'S COMMITMENT TO CONTINUING THE P.P.P.
2 PROGRAM AND RECOMMEND THAT THOSE PRIMARY CARE PATIENTS REQUIRE
3 MANAGEMENT BY SPECIALTY CARE PROVIDERS BE RETAINED BY D.H.S.
4 AND LESS COMPLEX PATIENTS BE SHIFTED TO THE COMMUNITY CLINICS
5 FOR SERVICES THROUGH THE P.P.P. PROGRAM OR MORE HEALTHY L.A. I
6 HAVE A LETTER SIGNED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES
7 HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP ROUND TABLE THAT DETAILS SOME OF THE
8 COMMENTS I SHARED. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS ASKED US THE TIMEFRAME ON THIS. I SORT OF LEFT
12 IT OPEN-ENDED AS WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHEN, BECAUSE THERE'S A
13 LOT. THERE'S A HUGE UNDERTAKING. BUT MAYBE WE COULD HAVE
14 WITHIN SIX MONTHS OR NINE MONTHS, WE COULD GET A REPORT AS TO
15 HOW THIS HAS BEEN PUT TOGETHER AND WHERE THEY'RE GOING? I KNOW
16 IT'S A HUGE UNDERTAKING. I DIDN'T PUT A TIMEFRAME ON IT. BUT I
17 DO THINK THAT MAYBE IN SIX MONTHS YOU COULD COME BACK WITH A
18 REPORT AS TO THE STATUS AND THEN WE COULD GET A BETTER IDEA OF
19 WHAT THE OUTCOME MIGHT BE. I THINK IT'S SUCH A HUGE
20 UNDERTAKING. IT'S NOT ANYTHING YOU COULD DO IT IN A YEAR, I
21 KNOW THAT. BUT MAYBE GIVE US A REPORT ABOUT HOW YOU'RE GOING
22 TO APPROACH IT AND PROCEED WITH IT.

23



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL DO THAT IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS AND I
2 WOULD SUGGEST THAT THEREAFTER, WE GIVE YOU QUARTERLY REPORTS
3 ON OUR PROGRESS.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT SOUNDS GREAT. SO AS AMENDED. ALL
6 RIGHT. ANY OBJECTION ON THAT ITEM? IF NOT, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR
7 YOUR REPORT. AND SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. THANK YOU. ALL
8 RIGHT. I HAVE ADDRESSED ALL OF MY ISSUES AND ALL OF THE
9 AGENDA. SO I WILL CALL ON SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR HIS
10 ADJOURNMENTS AND HIS SPECIALS.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. PERMIT ME TO
13 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING THEY PEOPLE. MISS
14 BENNIE MAE SPLAWN BORN JULY 29, 1932. SPARTANBURG COUNTY,
15 SOUTH CAROLINA. AND PASSED ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2010 AT THE AGE OF
16 78. A GRADUATE OF STEPHENS LEE HIGH SCHOOL IN ASHEVILLE, NORTH
17 CAROLINA. AND WAS A HOME WORKER FOR SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE
18 OPENING HER OWN RESTAURANT KNOWN AS THE RITZ CAFE, WHICH WAS A
19 POPULAR LOCAL EATERY IN THE TOWN OF ASHEVILLE. SHE LATER MOVED
20 TO SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY WHERE SHE OWNED AND OPERATED A RETAIL
21 ANTIQUÉ BOUTIQUE UNTIL HER HEALTH PREVENTED HER FROM DOING SO.
22 SHE WAS A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THE NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH,
23 ENJOYED COLLECTING AND RESTORING ANTIQUES. SHE LOVED TO LISTEN
24 TO JAZZ. SHE COOKED AND TRAVELED AND SHE SPENT TIME WITH HER
25 FRIENDS AND FAMILY. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER LOYALTY AND



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1 DEVOTION TO HER FAMILY, HER WARMTH AND CHARISMA AND HER
2 WILLINGNESS TO GIVE OF HERSELF TO ALL PEOPLE. SHE LEAVES TO
3 CHERISH HER MEMORY HER SIBLINGS, JOSEPH, RUTH AND SARAH, HER
4 CHILDREN CALVIN, PEGGY, DENNIS, LARRY AND ROBERT, 10
5 GRANDCHILDREN, FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF OTHER
6 FAMILY AND MANY CLOSE FRIEND IS. MR. LEROY A. BEAVERS BORN IN
7 LOS ANGELES ON JUNE 3RD, 1923 AND PASSED ON SEPTEMBER THE
8 FIRST, 2010, AT THE AGE OF 87. HE GRADUATED FROM JEFFERSON
9 HIGH SCHOOL BEFORE ATTENDING U.C. BERKELEY. HE WAS A MEMBER OF
10 THE ARMY CORPS, AIR CORPS IN WORLD WAR II. HE WORKED BRIEFLY
11 FOR THE LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY ENTERED
12 THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY WHERE HE WORKED FOR THE REMAINDER OF
13 HIS CAREER. HE HELPED FOUND THE GOLDEN STATE LIFE INSURANCE
14 COMPANY AND SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF ITS BOARD UNTIL 1963. HE
15 THEN JOINED EQUITABLE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY WHERE HE HAD THE
16 DISTINCTION OF BEING THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN AGENT IN THE
17 WEST. HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS AT EQUITABLE
18 AND WAS A ROLE MODEL AND A MENTOR FOR MANY. HE WAS AN ACTIVE
19 MEMBER OF THE 100 BLACK MEN OF LOS ANGELES, N.A.A.C.P. AND THE
20 28TH STREET Y.M.C.A., AMONG MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. HE WILL
21 BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS BREAKING COLOR BARRIERS IN THE INSURANCE
22 INDUSTRY AND LEAVING AN INSPIRING LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE. HE IS
23 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LILIA, HIS CHILDREN, DEBORAH, KIMBERLY,
24 GEORGE AND LEROY III, HIS SISTER LEOLA, HIS COUSINS, EIGHT
25 GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF OTHER FAMILY AND CLOSE FRIENDS.



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1 AND FINALLY, MADAME CHAIR, VIDILIA SEAL, BORN ON JULY THE
2 TENTH, 1918 IN DALLAS, TEXAS AND PASSED ON SEPTEMBER THE 13TH,
3 2010 AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1938
4 AFTER ATTENDING PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY. SHE WORKED FOR
5 THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BEFORE
6 BEGINNING HER 40-YEAR CAREER WITH THE COUNTY. SHE RETIRED AS
7 AN INTERMEDIATE STENOGRAPHER FROM THE FORMER DEPARTMENT OF
8 COLLECTIONS. SHE HAD A STRONG PASSION FOR INTERNATIONAL
9 TRAVEL. AND SHE TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT EUROPE,
10 SPENDING MUCH TIME IN ENGLAND. SHE ALSO LOVED MUSIC AND WAS A
11 CLASSICALLY TRAINED PIANIST. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED DISTINCTLY
12 FOR HER WORK ETHIC. WHEN SHE RETIRED, THREE PEOPLE WERE HIRED
13 TO PERFORM HER DUTIES. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER
14 GODDAUGHTER DONNA. THAT CONCLUDES THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS,
15 MADAME CHAIR, WITH THANKS AND RESPECT.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. ANYTHING
18 ELSE?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, MA'AM, THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS
21 AND COMMENTS FOR TODAY.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR
24 SPECIALS?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A FEW ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MADAME
2 CHAIR. MARK, DID YOU DO BUDDY COLETTE? WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT
3 ONE? IT WAS IN THE PAPER THIS MORNING.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S WORTH KNOWING THAT AN AMBASSADOR OF
6 SOME CONSEQUENCE FOR THE CITY AND WELL BEYOND, BUDDY COLETTE,
7 MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, A JAZZ MUSICIAN, WHO PLAYED ALL THE
8 WAY THROUGH THE BALANCE OF HIS YEARS, SUFFERED A STROKE, DON,
9 I THINK IT WAS PROBABLY ABOUT A DECADE AGO BUT KEPT PLAYING
10 HIS INSTRUMENT. AND SO WE'D HOPED THAT ALL MEMBERS WOULD BE
11 KIND ENOUGH TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
12 THE ONE AND ONLY BUDDY COLETTE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL OF US. HE WAS A WONDERFUL MUSICIAN. A
15 GREAT ANGELENO. MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE THREE ADJOURNING MOTIONS.
16 FIRST, BOB GESKIN, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF NORTH HOLLYWOOD AND A
17 GOOD FRIEND OF MY OFFICE WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AFTER A
18 BRIEF STRUGGLE WITH A VERY AGGRESSIVE FORM OF BRAIN CANCER
19 THAT WAS ONLY DIAGNOSED EARLIER THIS YEAR. I ALWAYS
20 APPRECIATED HIS FREQUENT COMMUNICATIONS TO ME AND DEEP
21 ENGAGEMENT IN DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY ISSUES, HIS BRAND OF
22 CITIZEN ACTIVISM, WHICH IS MUCH NEEDED WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.
23 BOB IS SURVIVED BY HIS CLOSE FRIEND AND FORMER COLLEGE
24 ROOMMATE, MARSHALL COPPAGE AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND MANY
25 FRIENDS. I JOIN IN SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S ADJOURNING MOTION FOR



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1 RON SCHAFER. RON WAS A GREAT PARTNER TO MY OFFICE AND TO ME.
2 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
3 CONSERVANCY, IN FACT HE WAS A CHAIR OF THE BOARD FOR THE
4 CONSERVANCY FOR THE LAST PERIOD OF TIME. 54 YEARS OLD, HE WAS
5 A TRIATHLETE. AND IT'S JUST ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE THAT HE
6 WOULD SUFFER A LIFE-ENDING STROKE, WHICH IS WHAT HAPPENED. HE
7 WAS A GREAT WATCHDOG TO PARKS THROUGHOUT THIS REGION OF
8 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, TOOK HIS JOB EXTREMELY SERIOUSLY. HE WAS
9 VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT IT. AND HE WAS ALSO A PROBLEM SOLVER.
10 AND I WILL MISS HIM PERSONALLY. AND WE WERE JUST WITH HIM OUT
11 IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS WHEN SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
12 WAS HERE. IT'S JUST A VERY SAD THING. SO I JOIN WITH
13 SUPERVISOR MOLINA ON THAT, ALL MEMBERS, I THINK, FOR RON
14 SHAFER. LASTLY, SORRY AGAIN TO REPORT THAT PASTOR EMERITUS OF
15 OUR LADY OF MALIBU CHURCH, MONSIGNOR JOHN V. SHERIDAN DIED OF
16 HEART FAILURE AT THE AGE OF 94 AFTER SUFFERING SERIOUS
17 INJURIES AND REMAINING IN CRITICAL CONDITION FOLLOWING AN AUTO
18 ACCIDENT ON AUGUST 25TH THAT CLAIMED THE LIFE OF HIS
19 COLLEAGUE, SISTER MARY CAMPBELL AND ALSO INJURED U.S.
20 AMBASSADOR TO MALTA, DOUGLAS KMIEC. MONSIGNOR SERVED AS A
21 PRIEST IN MALIBU FOR 67 YEARS AND WAS A BELOVED TEACHER,
22 MENTOR AND SPIRITUAL LEADER TO GENERATIONS OF CATHOLICS AND
23 OTHERS AND RESPECTED AND WELL-LIKED FIGURE IN THE LARGER
24 RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS CONGREGATIONAL



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1 FAMILY AT OUR LADY OF MALIBU AND MANY FRIENDS. THOSE ARE MY
2 ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T BELIEVE I'M HOLDING ANYTHING.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.

9 SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. LET ME JOIN. I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN MONSIGNOR
12 SHERIDAN'S, JUST A GREAT GUY, GREAT HUMAN BEING. I'VE KNOWN
13 HIM FOR MANY, MANY YEARS AS YOU REMEMBER WHEN SUPERVISOR DANA
14 REPRESENTED THAT PARTICULAR AREA AND HE WAS JUST AN INCREDIBLE
15 INDIVIDUAL. SO I'D LIKE TO BE A PART OF THAT. I ALSO HAVE SOME
16 ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN AND I'LL SAY ALL
17 MEMBERS ON THIS, MUHAMMAD IKHRATA, WHO IS THE FATHER OF HASAN,
18 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF S.C.A.G., PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE
19 PARTICIPATED IN WORLD WAR II AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SIX
20 CHILDREN AND 33 GRANDCHILDREN. SO ALL MEMBERS. I MENTIONED
21 MONSIGNOR SHERIDAN. THAT GUY HAD AN INCREDIBLE SMILE, TOO.
22 ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BOB KINGSTON, A RETIRED EDUCATOR
23 ADMINISTRATOR WHO PEACEFULLY RECENTLY. HE DEDICATED 33 YEARS
24 OF HIS CAREER TO THE EL SEGUNDO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. AS
25 WELL AS BEING AN ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT THE SCHOOL. HE ALSO



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1 WAS PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH BAY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, WHICH HE
2 HELPED FOUND. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR CHILDREN, KATHIE,
3 JEFF, BRYN, BRAD AS WELL AS 16 GRANDCHILDREN AND FIVE GREAT
4 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN KIN, WHO
5 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 89. HE IN 1940 JOINED THE
6 UNITED STATES ARMY AND WAS STATIONED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF ASIA
7 UNTIL 1945. HE, AFTER SERVICE, HE MARRIED HIS WIFE ALYCE. AND
8 THEY CELEBRATED THEIR 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LAST LABOR DAY.
9 HE WAS VERY ACTIVE AT LEVER BROTHERS AND WAS VERY ACTIVE WITH
10 THE V.F.W. AS WELL AS AN ACTIVE ELK IN VISTA LODGE. IN 2006,
11 THEY MOVED IN WITH THEIR SON STEVEN IN LAKEWOOD. HE IS
12 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ALYCE, TWO SONS, STEVEN AND MICHAEL,
13 THREE GRANDCHILDREN. AND THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TILLIE
14 BRUINS OF LAKEWOOD WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95. SHE IS
15 SURVIVED BY HAD HER FOUR CHILDREN, CLARINE, PEGGY, BILL AND
16 JOHN. 13 GRANDCHILDREN, 21 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT,
17 GREAT GRANDCHILD. SO THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAME CHAIR.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO ORDERED.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS FOR SUPERVISOR
22 ANTONOVICH.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE.



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** HE WOULD LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY LORETTA MAE
2 BOYD LONG TIME RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 10TH. SHE
3 WAS HELPED WITH FAMILY BUSINESS DALE'S ALIGNMENT AND BRAKE
4 SHOP. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND AND FIVE CHILDREN. ALSO
5 RALPH RITTER, A LEONA VALLEY RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY
6 AT THE AGE OF 81. HE WORKED ON THE RITTER RANCH BEFORE
7 OPERATING HIS OWN AUTO MECHANIC AND GROCERY STORE BUSINESSES.
8 HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. INCLUDED BOARD MEMBERSHIP
9 IN THE EAST KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY AND THE LEONA VALLEY
10 IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE BOARD OF TRADE. SURVIVED BY
11 HIS FIVE CHILDREN, 13 GRANDCHILDREN AND 18 GREAT
12 GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE ONE ITEM THAT I'D LIKE TO
17 READ IN, PLEASE?

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IF YOU WOULD.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** I KNOW WE CONTINUED THE GRADING SYSTEM FOR THREE
22 WEEKS, BUT I WANTED TO BRING THIS MOTION IN TO BE A PART OF
23 THE DISCUSSION IN THREE WEEKS. MANY RESTAURANT OWNERS HAVE
24 CONTACTED MY OFFICE CONCERNING THAT FOOD TRUCKS AND FOOD CART
25 VENDORS, THEY'RE THE UNFAIR COMPETITION, THEY'RE HAVING TO



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1 DEAL WITH PARKING IN FRONT OF RESTAURANTS, TAKING CUSTOMERS
2 AWAY. BOTH ARE TRYING TO SURVIVE. IT'S A VERY DIFFICULT MARKET
3 RIGHT NOW. BUT MANY TIMES THESE MOBILE FOOD OPERATORS DON'T
4 HAVE TO PAY FOR PARKING, RENTAL SPACE, PROPERTY TAX AND HIRE
5 FEWER EMPLOYEES SO THEIR OVERHEAD IS MUCH LOWER. AND IT'S
6 REALLY A BIG ISSUE. AND BEFORE IT GETS OUT OF HAND, TRYING TO
7 PROTECT THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT FOR BOTH SIDES. SO THE MOTION
8 THAT WE CAN DISCUSS, HAVE IT COME BACK ON OCTOBER 12TH IS THAT
9 THE BOARD INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. TO CONVENE TASKFORCE THAT
10 INCLUDES REPRESENTATION FROM THE SEVEN CALIFORNIA MOBILE FOOD
11 VENDING TRUCK ASSOCIATION, THE RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION, THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION AND
13 OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AND REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS WITH
14 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THIS BOARD COULD CONSIDER THAT WOULD
15 FACILITATE THE COEXISTENCE OF BOTH TYPES OF FOOD RETAIL
16 ENTERPRISES IN WAYS THAT ALSO SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND
17 ARE FAIR TO EACH SIDE. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT A WAR BREAKING OUT
18 HERE OR SOMETHING. SO I THINK WE NEED TO DEAL WITH IT. AND I
19 WOULD HAVE THAT SO MOVED, MADAME CHAIR, AS JUST A REPORT BACK.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO THAT'S A REPORT BACK?

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS THAT TO BE HEARD AT THE SAME TIME?



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, NO, BECAUSE NOW WE CAN'T BECAUSE I'M ASKING
3 THEM TO COME BACK IN 90 DAYS. IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THIS IS A REPORT BACK. SO I THINK IT'S
6 OKAY THAT WE WOULD MOVE IT FORWARD. NO OBJECTION. SO ORDERED
7 ON THIS ITEM. ANYTHING ELSE? IF NOT, WE CAN MOVE ON TO PUBLIC
8 COMMENT. WE HAVE VARIOUS SPEAKERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS
9 US. LET'S BEGIN WITH VERNON SANCHEZ, HORTENCIA TRUJILLO, MARY
10 PATTERSON AND DOMINGO FERMIN, IF THEY WOULD JOIN US.

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12 **MARY PATTERSON:** GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS MARY PATTERSON. I'M A
13 RESIDENT OF COMPTON. I AM TAKING THIS TIME TO COME BEFORE YOU,
14 THE REPRESENTATIVES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS A BUS RIDER, I
15 COME BEFORE YOU TO REQUEST YOU TAKE THE RIGHT ACTION TO
16 PROTECT BUS SERVICES IN THE L.A. COUNTY. NO MORE CUTS. THESE
17 ARE CRUCIAL BUS LINES FOR THE REST OF US IN THIS COUNTY WHO
18 DEPEND ON PUBLIC TRANSIT. WE THE BUS RIDERS NEED ECONOMICAL,
19 FAST AND EFFICIENT SERVICE IN ALL RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
20 AREAS OF THE L.A. COUNTY TO BE AMERICA'S BEST. NO CUTS. TAKE
21 THE RIGHT ACTION ON THIS THURSDAY AT THE M.T.A. BOARD MEETING.
22 NO MORE CUTS. NO MORE BUS SERVICE CUTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
23 LEADERSHIP. AND I'D LIKE TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT. ON THIS
24 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, AT THE EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ
25 COMMUNITY PARK, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ



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1 COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ MERCHANTS'
2 ASSOCIATION, WILL HOST ITS FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE
3 FAIR.IT WILL BE HELD AT THE EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ PARK. THE
4 ADDRESS IS 15116 SOUTH ATLANTIC AVENUE. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SANCHEZ?

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8 **VERNON SANCHEZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR, MY NAME IS VERNON
9 SANCHZ. I WORK AS SECURITY OFFICER FOR SECURITAS. I HAVE SEVEN
10 YEARS WITH THE COMPANY. WE-- I'M HERE JUST TO ASK FOR YOUR
11 SUPPORT. WE ARE FIGHTING FOR THE UNION. I AM FIGHTING FOR
12 HEALTHCARE. BECAUSE I AM DIABETIC AND I HAVE TO TRAVEL TO
13 TIJUANA, MEXICO TO GET MY MEDICATION. I SPEND \$110 EVERY MONTH
14 JUST FOR MEDICINE, 140 FOR MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS AND BLOOD
15 TESTS. I HAVE A SINGLE FATHER, SO I HAVE TO BRING MY TWO KIDS
16 WITH ME ON SATURDAY. WE LEAVE NORWALK AT 6 IN THE MORNING.
17 SOMETIMES WE CAME BACK AT 9, 9:30 IN THE NIGHT. I HAVE A
18 HEALTHCARE, HEALTHY FAMILY PLAN FOR THEM. I PAID \$50, \$50 A
19 MONTH FOR THEM. BUT BECAUSE I CAN GET MY OWN INSURANCE. I CAN
20 AFFORD IT. I'M JUST HERE TO SEE IF YOU SUPERVISORS CAN GIVE US
21 SUPPORT IN THE UNION WITH OUR COMPANY. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HORTENSIA TRUJILLO

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1 **HORTENSIA TRUJILLO (VIA INTERPRETER):** MY NAME IS HORTENCIA
2 TRUJILLO. I WORK AS A SECURITY OFFICER FOR SECURITAS FOR NINE
3 YEARS AT THE GENERAL HOSPITAL. AND I DON'T HAVE HEALTH
4 INSURANCE. NO BENEFITS. I HAVE HEART PROBLEMS AND I NEED TO
5 GET MEDICATION EVERY THREE MONTHS. SINCE I DON'T HAVE HEALTH
6 INSURANCE, I NEED TO MISS A BIT OF WORK IN ORDER TO APPLY FOR
7 LOW INCOME PROGRAM. AT THE HOUSE, I'M THE ONLY PERSON THAT
8 WORKS. I HAVE FOUR KIDS, SEVEN YEARS OLD AND UNDER. WHAT WE
9 ARE ASKING IN OUR CONTRACTS TO HAVE BENEFITS SUCH AS HEALTH
10 BENEFITS. FOR THIS REASON, I ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
11 HELP US OUT TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH SECURITAS. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GRACIAS. KIMBERLY BAILEY? BOBBY COOPER.
14 AND ARNOLD SACHS. MR. FERMIN.

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16 **DOMINGO FERMIN:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, GENTLEMEN AND LADIES. MY
17 NAME IS DOMINGO FERMIN. I'VE BEEN HERE A COUPLE OF OCCASIONS
18 REALLY COMPLAINING ABOUT THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.
19 THESE PEOPLE HAVE A PROBLEM ON YOUR HANDS. EVERY TIME I READ
20 NEWSPAPER, I SEE THEM-- THE C.F.S. PERSON IN CHARGE, SHE
21 TALKING ABOUT ACCOUNTABILITY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE MEANS WITH
22 ACCOUNTABILITY, BECAUSE ON THE METRO NORTH OFFICE,
23 ACCOUNTABILITY DO NOT EXIST. YOU HAVE A BUNCH OF CORRUPT
24 SOCIAL WORKERS. YOU HAVE A LOT OF SOCIAL WORKERS THAT ARE
25 RESPONSIBLE. WHAT ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO DO? BUT YOU HAVE A



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1 BUNCH OF THEM IS CORRUPT AND THEY GET PAID TO PROTECT THE
2 CHILD NOT TO ABUSE THE CHILD. YOU HAVE A SOCIAL WORKER THAT IS
3 ABUSING THE CHILD AND I'M WILLING TO TALK WITH ANYBODY I WANT.
4 I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE INFORMATION I HAVE. THE OTHER PRACTICE
5 THAT SOME OF THE SOCIAL WORKERS INVOLVED WITH IS TO INTIMIDATE
6 THE THERAPIST TO CHANGE THE REPORT WHEN THEY DON'T LIKE THE
7 PARENT, THEY WANT TO TAKE THE PARENT AWAY, OR THEY WANT THE
8 CHILD AWAY FROM THE PARENT OR THEY WANT TO GIVE YOU A HARD
9 TIME. YOU PEOPLE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, BECAUSE THEY
10 ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THE CHILD, NOT TO ABUSE THE CHILD. THE
11 OTHER THING THAT THEY HAVE, THEY DON'T KNOW WHO THE SUPERVISOR
12 IS IN THE METRO NORTH? I WAS THERE AND TRIED TO FIND OUT WHO
13 THE SUPERVISOR WAS. AND THEY DON'T HAVE THE NAME. AND THEY
14 REFUSE TO GIVE ME THE NAME OF THE SUPERVISOR. BECAUSE THEY
15 DON'T KNOW WHO THE SUPERVISOR IS. NOBODY KNOWS. THEY ARE
16 ABUSING THE CHILD, MENTALLY ABUSED CHILD A LOT, AND THEY
17 ABUSING THE FAMILY. THEY ABUSING THE FAMILY, THEY ARE
18 VIOLATING COURT ORDERS, CHANGING THE COURT ORDER, WHICH I HAVE
19 PROOF FROM THE COURT, SO THEY CAN DO WHATEVER THEY WANT
20 BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE CONTROL OF THE CHILD. AND I DON'T THINK
21 THAT'S FAIR BECAUSE WE HAVE TO LOOK INTO THE PROBLEM AND THE
22 ROOT OF THE TREE, NOT IN THE BRANCH. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE
23 DOING RIGHT NOW. WE'RE LOOKING TO THE BRANCH AND WE'RE NOT
24 LOOKING TO THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM. AND THE METRO NORTH IS A
25 BOMB, TIME BOMB READY TO EXPLODE. BECAUSE ONE TIME THEY ARE



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1 GOING TO FIND PARENTS AND DON'T GOING TO HAVE A PERSON. ONE
2 TIME THEY WANT TO RUN THE PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE
3 A MISTAKE AND WE SHOULD KNOW LESS THAT HAPPEN BECAUSE WE ARE
4 TALKING ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THE CHILD.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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8 **DOMINGO FERMIN:** THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. COOPER IS NOT HERE? ARNOLD
11 SACHS?

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13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.

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15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.

16 AND LAST THURSDAY'S SEPTEMBER 9TH, THERE WAS AN EDITORIAL:

17 BANKING ON 3010. AND THEY WROTE THIS EDITORIAL. AND PART OF IT

18 I'M GOING TO READ THAT THEY'RE CREATING NATIONAL

19 INFRASTRUCTURE BANK WHICH WOULD POOL MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL

20 GOVERNMENT AND PRIME INVESTORS AND LEND IT TO A TRANSPORTATION

21 PROJECT DEEMED WORTHY BY EXPERTS. THAT'S ONE PART. LOCAL

22 TRANSIT PLANNERS ARE LOBBYING CONGRESS TO CREATE A NEW

23 CATEGORY OF BONDS AND TO PROVIDE FEDERAL FUNDS AND LOANS FOR

24 THESE GRANTS. NOW, THAT WAS BEFORE THE L.A. TIMES WROTE A

25 STORY REGARDING THE CITY OF L.A. GETTING A COUPLE HUNDRED



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1 MILLION DOLLARS IN STIMULUS FUNDING AND CREATING 66 JOBS. NOW,
2 IT DIDN'T SAY HOW MUCH MONEY WAS SPENT ON THE 66 JOBS, BUT IT
3 DID SAY THEY GOT THE MONEY BACK IN MARCH. SO YOU HAVE THE
4 MAYOR WANTING MONEY, BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM THIS 3010 PLAN,
5 AND SHOWING HIS FORTITUDE WITH A PROGRAM WHERE THEY GOT
6 STIMULUS FUNDING OF A COUPLE OF HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS FOR 66
7 JOBS. I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR THAT FALLOUT. BUT THEN AGAIN, YOU
8 HAVE THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND I
9 THANK YOU AGAIN. I DID HAVE THIS COPY, SUPERVISOR KNABE, OF
10 THE LAW. WHAT I DIDN'T HAVE WAS THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF THE
11 BILL. I WAS WONDERING MAYBE YOU OR YOUR STAFF MEMBER MIGHT
12 HAVE READ IT. THERE'S ALSO JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA, THERE WAS
13 A STORY IN THE L.A. TIMES REGARDING SOME PEOPLE WANTING TO SUE
14 THE NIXON LIBRARY FOR THE RELEASE OF THE TAPES. AND WHAT'S
15 REALLY ARROGANT ABOUT THAT WHOLE WATERGATE SITUATION IS THE
16 FACT, TO ME, ANYWAY, THAT THEY HAD THE TAPES IN THEIR
17 POSSESSION BUT NOBODY EVER LISTENED TO THEM TO FIND OUT WHAT
18 WAS ON THEM UNTIL AFTER THEY WERE RELEASED. SO HERE IS THE
19 HISTORY OF THE BILL. ON FEBRUARY 19TH OF, WHAT? 1998 IT WAS
20 READ FOR THE FIRST TIME. ON APRIL 14TH, IT WAS SENT FROM
21 COMMITTEE WITH THE AUTHOR'S AMENDMENTS READ FOR A SECOND TIME.
22 AMENDED, RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE. MAY 18TH WAS PASSED AS
23 AMENDED. MAY 19TH AMENDED TO THIRD READING. MAY 21ST AN
24 ASSEMBLY READ FOR THE FIRST TIME. JULY 2ND, PASSED AS AMENDED
25 BUT FIRST AMEND-- RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE. THE POINT IS ALL



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1 THESE AMENDMENTS WERE MADE BEFORE THE BILL WAS ACTUALLY SIGNED
2 AND MADE AS LEGISLATION. AND THEN WHEN IT WAS PASSED AND
3 LEGISLATED, METRO, WITH THE AUTHORITY TO CREATE A GOLD LINE
4 STRUCTION AUTHORITY, BUT WHAT AUTHORITY TO GIVE IT AUTHORITY?
5 WE DON'T KNOW.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SACHS. TO.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WE DON'T KNOW BUT WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR
10 ANSWERS.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BEFORE I CALL ON MISS BAILEY, I'D LIKE TO
13 HAVE MR. CSRRANO JOIN US, MR. ROBINSON JOIN US AND WALTER
14 BECKTEL. MISS BAILEY?

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16 **KIMBERLY BAILEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM A RESIDENT FROM THE
17 INGLEWOOD-- I'M KIND OF SCARED-- FROM THE INGLEWOOD DISTRICT.
18 I'M A FOSTER PARENT AND HAVE BEEN A FOSTER PARENT OVER THREE
19 YEARS. I A PROBLEM WITH A SOCIAL WORKER. HER NAME IS SUNAE
20 WILLIAMS. MISS WILLIAMS WILL COME TO MY HOME AND SHE WOULD
21 STAY AND JUST POP UP ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS. I NEVER HAVE A
22 PROBLEM WITH IT. HOWEVER, THE GIRLS DIDN'T LIKE HER.
23 YESTERDAY, MY GIRLS WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM ME. I LOVE THEM
24 GIRLS WITH ALL MY HEART. THEY WERE RUNAWAYS AND JUST WAS BAD
25 ACTIONS. MY OLDEST 14-YEAR-OLD HAS A G.P.A. OF 4.37. SHE HAS



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1 ACHIEVEMENTS AWARDS AND MANY DIFFERENT AWARDS. THE D.C.F.-- I
2 HAVE BEEN DATING A MARRIED MAN FOR SEVEN YEARS. I DIDN'T KNOW
3 HE WAS MARRIED. HOWEVER, I JUST FOUND OUT THAT THE D.C.F.S.
4 SOCIAL WORKER IS HIS COUSIN TO THE WIFE. THE WORKER REMOVED MY
5 GIRLS FROM ME AND I HAD A RESTRAINING ORDER PUT ON ME. WHEN
6 THEY PUT THE RESTRAINING ORDER ON ME, SHE GOT THE RESTRAINING
7 ORDER BEFORE I EVEN KNEW IT HAD EXISTED. IT DOESN'T HAVE
8 ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE GIRLS. IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO
9 WITH THE KIDS AT ALL. HOWEVER, I HAVE TRIED TO CALL HER
10 SUPERVISORS, ONLY SPOKEN TO ONE. BUT TODAY I HAVE NOT RECEIVED
11 ANY CALLS OF WHATEVER HAPPENED. THE GIRLS ARE A PART OF MY
12 LIFE. I HAVE ALSO BIOLOGICAL KIDS, AS WELL. I THINK I WAS A
13 GOOD MOTHER TO THESE KIDS. THEY HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM THEIR
14 OWN BIOLOGICAL FAMILY AND BROUGHT TO MY FAMILY AND NOW THEY'RE
15 TAKEN AWAY. I REALLY NEED YOUR HELP IN THIS MATTER. I DO GO
16 TO COURT ON SEPTEMBER 28TH FOR THE RESTRAINING ORDER. I DO NOT
17 HAVE ANY ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ME. THESE ARE MY FIRST KIDS THAT
18 I EVER HAD TO BE IN THIS SYSTEM THAT BEEN WITH ME. I JUST
19 RECEIVED A CALL THAT ONE OF THEM HAD A BIG FIGHT AT SCHOOL AND
20 IT'S REALLY AFFECTING THE KIDS AS WELL AS MY KIDS, AS WELL AS
21 ME. THAT'S ALL.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS BAILEY. MR. SERANNO.



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1 **DAVID SERRANO:** GOD ALMIGHTY, JESUS CHRIST, CREATED HEAVEN AND
2 EARTH, AMEN. IN THE HOLY BIBLE, THE APOCALYPSE PROPHESED THAT
3 IN THE MONTH OF MAY THE BIGGEST EARTHQUAKE SINCE PEOPLE HAVE
4 BEEN ON EARTH WILL HAPPEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON THE
5 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SAN ANDREAS FAULT. THE HOLY BIBLICAL
6 PROPHECY ABOUT THE APOCALYPTIC EARTH QUAKE IN MAY IS
7 APOCALYPSE 8 TO 8:6, 10 TO 10:7, 11:15 TO 11:19, 16:17 TO
8 16:21. THEN 6:12 TO 6:17. THESE ARE INDIVIDUAL DESCRIPTIONS OF
9 THE SAME EVENT. WHILE COLLECTIVELY THEY DESCRIBE THIS
10 CATACLASMIC TECTONIC EVENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, APOCALYPSE 8
11 PROPHESED WHEN THE LAMB OPENED THE SEVENTH SEAL THERE WAS
12 SILENCE IN HEAVEN FOR ABOUT HALF AN HOUR. TODAY, ON THE FACE
13 OF A CLOCK THERE ARE 12 HOURS. THERE ARE 12 MONTHS IN A YEAR.
14 ABOUT HALF AN HOUR IS THE MINUTE HAND AND THE 5. MAY IS THE
15 5TH MONTH AND WHEN THE APOCALYPTIC EARTHQUAKE HAPPENS IN MAY
16 THERE WILL BE A GIANT STORM OVER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THAT WILL
17 DROP HEAVY HAIL. FURTHERMORE WHEN THE APOCALYPTIC EARTHQUAKE
18 HAPPENS ON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SAN ANDREAS FAULT IN MAY,
19 THERE WILL BE MANY METERS OF HORIZONTAL DISPLACEMENT, THUS THE
20 SAN GABRIEL, SAN BERNARDINO AND SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS WILL BE
21 MOVED OUT OF PLACE AND THE ISLANDS OFF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
22 COAST WILL BE MOVED OUT OF PLACE AND THERE WILL BE CATACLASMIC
23 LANDSLIDES THROUGHOUT THE SANTA MONICA, SAN GABRIEL AND SAN
24 BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS AND THESE LANDSLIDES WILL MAKE THE 2005
25 LA CONCHITA LANDSLIDE IN VENTURA COUNTY LOOK SMALL BY



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1 COMPARISON WHOLE COMMUNITIES ON VERDUGO MOUNTAIN AND MOUNT
2 WASHINGTON WILL BE DESTROYED, WHILE IN THE SANTA MONICA
3 MOUNTAINS ENTIRE CITIES WILL BE DESTROYED BY CATACLASMIC
4 LANDSLIDES. THE HOLLYWOOD HILLS WILL BE DESTROYED. MANY OF THE
5 STARS OF HOLLYWOOD FALL FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH WHILE THE BIG
6 TREE DROPPING ITS UNRIPE FRUIT REPRESENTS THE BIG JEWISH
7 COMMUNITIES OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND THEY FALL, TOO.
8 HUGE AREAS OF THE CITY'S BUILT IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE SAN
9 GABRIEL AND SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS WILL BE DESTROYED BY
10 CATACLASMIC LANDSLIDES AND ALL THIS CATACLASMIC DESTRUCTION
11 WILL CAUSE GIANT CLOUDS OF SMOKE, DUST, DIRT AND DEBRIS TO BE
12 SUDDENLY THROWN UP INTO THE ATMOSPHERE, PROVIDING A GIANT
13 AMOUNT OF CONDENSATION NUCLEI FOR THE GIANT STORM OVERHEAD
14 CAUSING A HEAVY HAIL. MUCH OF L.A. COUNTY WILL BE IN THE DARK
15 ALL DAY AND NIGHT. CATCATACLASMIC LANDSLIDES WILL DESTROY
16 MALIBU AND CONTINUE INTO THE PACIFIC, CAUSING A TSUNAMI THAT
17 WILL CRASH INTO THE ISLANDS OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST.
18 AL QAEDA ARE LIARS. AL QAEDA ARE MURDERS. ON 9/11, 2001 AL
19 QAEDA TERRORISTS COMMITTED MURDER-SUICIDE BY HIJACKING JETS
20 AND CRASHED THEM INTO THE WORLD TRADE CENTER AND AFTER THE
21 TOWERS FELL A GIANT CLOUD OF SMOKE, DUST, DIRT AND DEBRIS
22 FILLED THAT PART OF MANHATTAN RISING INTO THE ATMOSPHERE FOR
23 MILES. SEE THE PICTURES ONLINE. WHEN THE APOCALYPTIC
24 EARTHQUAKE HAPPENS ON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SAN ANDREAS
25 FAULT IN MAY, WHOLE MOUNTAINSIDES WILL COME CRASHING DOWN AND



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1 ENTIRE CITIES WILL BE DESTROYED. L.A. COUNTY WILL BE IN THE
2 DARK ALL DAY AND NIGHT BECAUSE THE GIANT STORM AND THE GIANT
3 CLOUDS OF SMOKE, DUST, DIRT AND DEBRIS CAUSED BY THE
4 CATACLASMIC LANDSLIDES WILL BLOCK OUT THE SUNLIGHT AND
5 MOONLIGHT AND THERE WILL BE NO ELECTRICITY AND NO WATER. THE
6 APOCALYPTIC EARTHQUAKE WILL HAPPEN AROUND ONE WEEK BEFORE THE
7 MOON FULL ON MAY 17TH, 2011 A.D. BECAUSE AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE
8 HAPPENS AND THE STORM HAS PASSED, THE SKY WILL BE CLEARING UP
9 BUT THE AIR WILL BE POLLUTED FROM THE CATACLASMIC LANDSLIDES
10 AND A PROBABLE VOLCANIC ERUPTION TO THE EAST.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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14 **DAVID SERRANO:** IT IS THE APOCALYPSE, AMEN. MR. ROBINSON?

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16 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** I REALLY ENJOY JOHN CUSAK'S PORTRAYAL IN
17 THAT MOTION PICTURE. WHAT WAS IT? 2012, I THINK. PRETTY GOOD
18 MOVIE. MADAME CHAIRWOMAN, MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO CORRECT A
19 MISPERCEPTION CAUSED BY MR. SACHS' STATEMENT. SIXTY-SIX JOBS
20 HAVE BEEN CREATED THUS FAR, YET REMAINING ARE OTHER JOBS THAT
21 WILL BE CREATED, GOD BLESS THEM, FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA'S
22 STIMULUS MONEY TO THE COUNTY, AND THE CITY. THE 66 JOBS ARE
23 JUST THE BEGINNING. THE MONEY'S STILL THERE. THE MAJORITY,
24 PARDON ME FOR BEING FACETIOUS, THE REMAINDER OF THE MONEY IS
25 YET TO BE-- THE BULK OF THE MONEY IS YET TO BE SPENT. ON



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1 SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS
2 ATTACKED. PRESIDENT BUSH EMPTIED THE SKIES OVER THE UNITED
3 STATES OF AMERICA IN LESS THAN THREE HOURS, DEFENDING US FROM
4 FURTHER TERRORIST ATTACK. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE UNITED STATES OF
5 AMERICA BRILLIANTLY MANIPULATED ITS WAY WITH THE HELP OF ALAN
6 GREENSPAN AND THE TREASURY SECRETARY, WE FLOODED THE WORLD'S
7 ECONOMIES WITH GREEN BACKS. SUBSEQUENTLY, WE SAW ALAN
8 GREENSPAN LOWER THE RATE THE FED CHARGES BANKS FOR BORROWING
9 TO ZERO. WHAT HAPPENED THEN? WELL, LOTS OF FOLKS BOUGHT HOMES
10 THEY COULDN'T AFFORD. THANK GOD, BECAUSE SOME OF THEM ARE
11 STILL IN THOSE HOMES THEY LATER PAID FOR. NOW, WHAT WE SEE IS
12 THAT SUBPRIME MESSED CAUSED, WHAT? A COLLAPSE, AN ECONOMIC
13 COLLAPSE; THE BANKS FAILED. BUT THEN PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH,
14 WHO I THINK IS NOT TO BE BLAMED FOR THE ATTACK UPON THE WORLD
15 TRADE CENTER, WAS REPLACED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA. NOW I'M GOING
16 TO SAY THIS. ST. MATTHEW 6:34 SAYS ONE DAY AT A TIME. WE ARE
17 OUT OF THE RECESSION. PARDON ME FOR BEING ADAMANT ABOUT THIS,
18 BUT WHAT WE SEE IS THE NEXT 6-1/2 YEARS OF MAGNIFICENT
19 ECONOMIC GROWTH BECAUSE GOD'S ON OUR SIDE. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** (OFF MIC.) AND MR. COOPER DID HE SHOW OR
22 NOT?

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24 **WALTER BECKTEL:** OKAY. MY NAME IS WALTER BECKTEL. I WANTED TO
25 COME BACK IN AND REITERATE. SOME PEOPLE MAY THINK THAT I'M



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1 SOME KIND OF A NUT OR SOMETHING. SOME OF THE THINGS I'M SAYING
2 ABOUT MY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AREN'T FACTUAL. I HAVE-- LIKE I
3 SAID, I HAVE LOTS OF EVIDENCE. I GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY
4 OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO IN 1979. THIS IS WHY I RECEIVE THE
5 ALUMNI PUBLICATION FROM THEM. THESE ARE MY TRANSCRIPTS.
6 ANYBODY WANTS TO SEE THIS, ANY EVIDENCE THAT I HAVE. I ALSO AM
7 UNDER THE UNDERSTANDING THAT A REFUSAL TO PROSECUTE OR DO
8 ANYTHING WILL MAKE YOU PARTIES TO THE SITUATION THAT I TALKED
9 ABOUT. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE ECONOMY BEING TERRIBLE. OUT OF
10 ONE SIDE OF YOUR MOUTH YOU SAY THAT YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING
11 TO HELP THE ECONOMY, BUT IF THERE IS A MULTI-BILLION DOLLARS
12 THEFT RING GOING ON THAT'S COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE MAFIA THAT
13 HAS PROTECTED OUR GOVERNMENT ALL THE WAY UP TO THE EXECUTIVE
14 BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT, WE KNOW ABOUT THEM SINCE AT LEAST
15 THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION, THEY CAUSED THE ENTIRE COUNTRY OF
16 CUBA TO BE FORMED, BUT YOU STILL DON'T WANT TO TRY TO DO
17 ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. I DON'T THINK THAT YOU'RE REALLY PUTTING
18 YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS, SIR. THESE PEOPLE ARE THIEVES.
19 AND IF YOU GIVE THEM CREDIBILITY AND YOU ASK THEM TO RUN THE
20 COUNTRY AND TRY TO PROTECT THEM, THIS IS NOT THE KIND OF THING
21 THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO. THE ONLY THING THEY KNOW HOW
22 TO DO IS STEAL SOMETHING. MOST OF THE PEOPLE I GRADUATED FROM
23 COLLEGE WITH VIRTUALLY ARE THE PEOPLE THAT RUN OUR COUNTRY. IT
24 SAYS IN THIS MAGAZINE HERE THAT IF IF THEY WERE THE ECONOMY
25 AMONG THEMSELVES, U.C.S.D. WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY PRODUCE 1



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1 AND ALMOST \$2 BILLION A YEAR IN THE ECONOMY. I DON'T
2 UNDERSTAND WHY YOU CAN'T BELIEVE ANYTHING I HAVE TO SAY. THERE
3 ARE PLENTY OF OTHER EVIDENCES. THE PEOPLE IN MY FAMILY ARE
4 FAMOUS ENTERTAINERS, AND PEOPLE IN MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT. IF
5 YOU WANT TO SOLVE THE ECONOMY PROBLEM, I THINK IT'S TIME TO
6 GET BACK ON LINE WITH PROVING THAT YOU REALLY WANT TO BY
7 PROSECUTING PEOPLE AND NOT GIVING THEM A CREDIBILITY ON THE
8 STAGES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS PERFORMERS AND ET CETERA. PUT
9 THEM IN JAIL CELLS WHERE THEY BELONG. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS TIN?

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13 **WINNIE TIN:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS WINNIE TIN. THIS IS MY
14 FOURTH TIME BEING HERE. TWO MONTHS AGO I CAME OVER HERE
15 D.C.F.S. MADE CHANGES OF THE WORKER ON MY CASE AND ALSO
16 SUGGEST ME TO GET A NEW LAWYER TO REPRESENT ME IN THE COURT.
17 AND I BELIEVE LAST WEEK I HAD A PERSON IN SUPERVISOR, THE
18 ATTORNEY REACH AN AGREEMENT WHERE SPECIFICALLY _____ HE
19 MOVED THIS CASE OUT OF L.A. COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. AND GET MY
20 CASE DISMISSED. I PAID HIM \$5,000. THE DAY HE WENT TO COURT HE
21 TOLD ME HE HAS NOTHING TO DO BESIDES ASKING ME TO GIVE UP MY
22 PARENTAL RIGHT. I HAVE GO TO THE COURT AND TELL THE JUDGE HE
23 DID NOT PREPARE FOR THE TRIAL. AND LAST WEEK, AFTER I SPOKE IN
24 THE PUBLIC, ELMER FROM D.C.F.S SAID I HAVE TO TRUST MY LAWYER
25 WITH HIS INTEGRITY. SO THIS NEW LAWYER TOOK MY CASE, HE DID



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1 NOTHING. HE NEVER FILED 380-A TO ASK THE COURT TO CHANGE THE
2 ORDER, TO GIVE ME CHANCE TO LET ME REUNIFY WITH MY SON AGAIN.
3 AND YESTERDAY I GOT A CALL FROM MY LAWYER. HE SAYS THERE'S
4 PROBABLY NO WAY FOR HIM TO DO BESIDES TOMORROW'S COURT HEARING
5 TO TERMINATE MY PARENTAL RIGHTS AND PUT MY SON INTO ADOPTION.
6 I HAVE MADE COPIES WHICH IN THE LETTER TO JUDICIAL _____
7 COMMITTEE AROUND 60 PAGES. TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO REPRESENT IT
8 TO COUNTY SUPERVISORS. JUDGE HIROSHIKI [PH?] IS THE PRESUMED
9 FATHER FOR JOSHUA KIM. HE LET THE COURT APPLIES THE WRITTEN
10 ORDER, ABANDONING ME WITH WHILE I WAS MOST PREGNANT, HE FILED
11 THE POLICE REPORT, PROSECUTING ME, PUTTING ME IN THE JAIL FOR
12 15 YEARS. TODAY I HAVE NO CHOICE. I PUT THIS IN THE PUBLIC. I
13 BEG, SUPERVISORS, READING THIS PAPER. HELP ME. IF DAHIRO--

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS TIN, MISS TIN, PLEASE. WE CANNOT HELP
16 YOU. WE HAVE TOLD YOU 101 TIMES. PLEASE COMPOSE YOURSELF.
17 WE'RE TRYING VERY HARD TO BE AS RESPECTFUL AS WE CAN.

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19 **WINNIE TIN:** IF JUDGE HIROSHIKI IS PRESUMED THE FATHER FOR
20 JOSHUA TIN, WHY IS THE SOCIAL WORKER NEVER ASK HIM STANDING TO
21 TAKE HIS RESPONSIBILITY? WHY THE COURT COVER UP FOR HIM, FOR
22 HIS WRONGDOING? EVERYBODY MAKES MISTAKES. I WANT THESE THINGS
23 GOING TO PUBLIC. PEOPLE CAN HELP HERE MAKE CORRECTIONS. I LOVE
24 MY SON. I DON'T WANT MY SON PUT IN ADOPTION. I WANT PEOPLE TO



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1 READ NEWSPAPER TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR COURT SYSTEM
2 AND LEGAL SYSTEM.

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4 THANK YOU, MISS TIN. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. IF THERE'S NO
5 OTHER ITEMS TO COME BEFORE US, I WILL HAVE OUR EXECUTIVE
6 OFFICER READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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8 >>CLERK SACHI HAMAI: IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
9 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THES ABOUT WILL CON
10 VEN IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. C.S.-1, CONFLICTS
11 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO
12 LITIGATION, ONE CASE. ITEM NO. C.S.-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
13 COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF LEGAL, ONE CASE, ITEM NO.
14 C.S.-3, EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, AND ITEM
15 NO. C.S.-4, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS WILLIAM T
16 FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND
17 SUPPLEMENT AGENDAS. THANK YOU.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

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5 No reportable action was taken on items CS-1 or CS-4.

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7 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

8 (Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

9 Initiation of Litigation (one case) (10-2126)

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11 The Board authorized the County to file a petition for writ of
12 mandate challenging the decision in the Employee Relations
13 Commission matter number UFC04-08.

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15 The vote of the Board was unanimous with Supervisor Antonovich
16 being absent.

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18 CS-3. EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (Government
19 Code Section 54957) (10-2043)

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21 The Board appointed Amy Naamani as the Acting Lead Attorney,
22 Children s Special Investigations Unit, effective October 1,
23 2010.

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